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# McCain fumbles on Prop. 22

by Cynthia Laird

epublican presidential candidate
John McCain used a Sacramento
appearance last Thursday, February 24, to come out in support of
the anti-gay Proposition 22, but only
after the Arizona
senator first announced his opposition to the
measure at a
college town
hall meeting, A

college town hall meeting. A short while later at a news con-ference he "cor-rected" himself,



John McCair

and admitted he knows little about various measures on the state's

knows little about various measures on the state's March 7 primary ballot.

McCain's willingness to take a stand on a California ballot measure contrasts sharply with his refusal to take a position on the Confederate battle flag issue in South Carolina; McCain called that an issue to be decided on by South Carolina residents.

Members of the predominantly gay Log Cabin Republicans, some of whom have met with McCain, were bitterly disappointed at last week's turn of events. McCain was appearing at an endorsement announcement with San Diego Mayor Susan Golding, a Republican who has come out against Proposition 22 — the Limit on Marriages initiative — and it was hoped by Log Cabin members that McCain also would oppose the so-called Knight initiative.

"We were very upset with him and obviously, it was a major disappointment," said Kevin Ivers, Log Cabin's director of public affairs.

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by Terry Beswick

espite the millions of dollars pumped into the campaigns for and against the Knight initiative, Proposition 22 on this Tuesday's ballot in California, the polls over the last year have barely moved in either

direction.

The latest Field Poll, released Tuesday, February 29, showed voters supporting the measure that would ban already-illegal gay marriages by a 13-point margin, with 53 percent in favor, 40 percent opposed, and 7 percent undeceded – virtually the same level of support as that seen a year ago. The recent poll of 1,446 registered voters was conducted last week after television add from both sides. last week, after television ads from both sides had already begun saturating the airwaves. Still, based on prior experiences with

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# Bay Area Reporter endorsements

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CITY PROPOSITIONS Vote Yes on: Vote No on: A, B, C, D E, F

STATE PROPOSITIONS

Vote Yes on: 1A, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 26 Vote No on: 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31



# Gays protest Dr. Laura

by Cynthia Laird

hile carefully insisting they weren't seeking to curtail Dr. Laura Schlessinger's free speech rights, a gay rights group last week nevertheless issued a public appeal to the top-rated radio talk show host to tone down her anti-gay rhetoric and think about the impact her comments.

show host to tone down her anti-gay rhetoric and think about the impact her comments have on the public, particularly children. Representatives of the San Francisco-based Horizons Foundation joined with Chil-dren of Gays and Lesbians Everywhere and the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network

last Thursday, February 24 in front of KGO radio in San Francisco, which airs the popular "Dr. Laura" talk show. The groups also took out large ads in local newspapers and sent a letter to Schlessinger that was signed by over 180 organizations and prominent individuals, including Judy Shepard, mother of slain gay college student Matthew Shepard. Schlessinger's show, taped in Sherman Oaks, California, has over 20 million listeners and airs on 500 radio stations in the U.S. and Canada. "The anti-gay beliefs you espouse on a regular basis – that homosexuality is deviant' and that gays should be cured – are entirely

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# ALICE B. TOKLAS LESBIAN & GAY DEMOCRATIC CLUB

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# NO on Prop 22 The Knight Initiative

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26 Majority vote for school bonds . . YES

27 Meaningless term limit declarations . NO

28 Repeal of tobacco surtax . . . . . . NO

29 Indian gaming compacts..... NO

30 Consumer rights in insurance claimsYES

31 Consumer rights in insurance claimsYES

A	Neighborhood park improvements YES
В	Repair, retrofit Academy of SciencesYE

C Extend Open Space Fund . . . . YES

D Supervisor health/retirement benefits YES

E Phony welfare "reform" . . . . NO

F Bayview/Hunters Point reparations NO

# SAN FRANCISCO DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

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Dennis Herrera	.246
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Marisa Moret	.300
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Sue Bierman	.305

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# **Club Universe fights** back over man's death, says it acted quickly

by Ed Walsh

he management of Club Universe is fighting back against accusations club personnel did not do enough to get prompt medical assistance to a San Jose man who collapsed and died in the club February 13.

"We are not the villains here," said Club Universe's events manager, Audrey Joseph, in an interview with the Bay Area Reporter. "We did what we're trained to do in a safe manner. We acted in the most appropriate way. We did not most appropriate way. We did not

most appropriate way.
kill anyone."
Jeff Goring, 35, collapsed on
the club's stage floor and was carried to a back hallway where he
was later pronounced dead by
paramedics
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Joseph strongly disagrees with Goring's close friend, Steve Cohen, who believes club workers should have immediately turned on the house lights and called 911 when Goring collapsed. Joseph believes turning on the lights would have put Goring in more jeopardy. "You would have had panicking and trampling," she said.
Joseph added there is often confusion when somebody is reported "down." She said it usually turns out the person may have simply slipped and needs no medical attention. In some cases, Joseph said, people reported down turn out to be engaging or attempting to engage in sex.
Goring's death has taken a heavy psychological toll on club workers, she explained. "I had staff hysterically crying," said Joseph, adding she has made psychological help available to her employees traumatized by the death.

employees traumatized by the

Joseph said the first radio call went out for help from a club se-curity guard at 2:40 a. m. after the guard made contact with Goring. The guard had been notified by a customer that Goring had collapsed. Joseph said the guard first administered CPR to Goring on the stage and he was carefully carried off the stage to the hallway before 911 was called. Marco Ninjares, who had been



Jeff Goring died at Club Universe

dancing with Goring when he collapsed, has no complaints about the way the club and paramedics handled the incident. "They did a good job," Ninjares told the B.A.R. "They did everything they could to save Jeff's life."

Dispatch records show a 911 call was made by the club at 2:48 a.m., eight minutes after Joseph a.m., eight minutes after Joseph said her security guard first came in contact with Goring, Joseph said the delay is understandable because she believes it was necessary to first take Goring to a safe place (the hallway) and away from the crowd where he could be attended to more carefully, Joseph said there was also a delay because the closest was also a delay because the closest phones are in the front of the club. Joseph added that three doctors who were club customers also assisted with Goring's CPR until paramedics arrived. Contrary to the police report, Ninjares said he never assisted in CPR.

Goring's friend Cohen strong-ly disagrees with Joseph's defense of the club. "If you turn on the lights, people aren't going to start trampling," he said. Cohen re-mains firm in his belief Club Universe was concerned most about losing business.

Cohen said Club Universe em-

Cohen said Club Universe employees did all the wrong things. As a former ski patrol officer, Cohen was trained in CPR and eventually worked as a CPR instructor. "The first thing you do is call 911 for help, then you begin to perform CPR," said Cohen. "And if you don't know what's

wrong with him, why would you move him? You don't move any-one." Cohen said his training taught him that 25 percent of ac-cident victims who are moved suffer secondary injuries as a re-

#### Blame the media

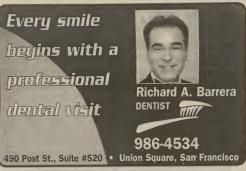
Cohen told the B.A.R. he wants the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to investigate the dub and has already contacted the offices of Supervisors. fices of Supervisors Tom Ammi-ano and Mark Leno. Joseph said Goring's death is

Joseph said Goring's death is another example of her club being unfairly attacked by the police and by the media. "The B.A.R. is my biggest enemy," Joseph said. Police have been very critical of all-night clubs like Club Universe because they claim the clubs become magnets for drug use. The B.A.R. has reported on several cases in which people suffering from drug overdoses have had to be taken from the club in ambulances. Joseph believes the B.A.R. has been too quick to report bad has been too quick to report bad news about her club while ignor-ing its many charitable, fundraising, and drug education efforts.

Joseph and her other night-

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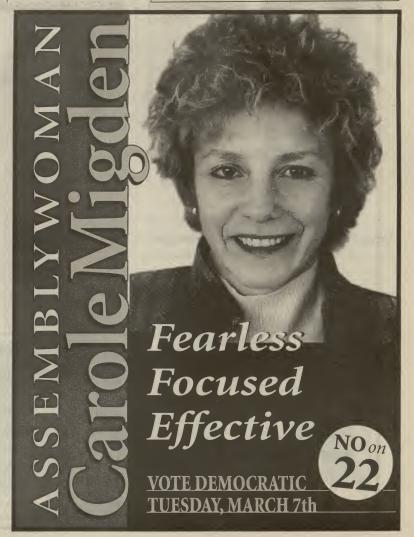


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# A royal coronation



The Imperial Court's Coronation 2000 gala was held last Saturday, February 26 in San Francisco.

Emperor John Carrillo, left, and Empress Suzie Wong were the winners in the annual event and now begin their one-year reign.

# Famous activists and writers to be honored by Women's Building

#### by Katie Szymanski

he revolution is coming, and she's starting right here in San Francisco's Mission District.

District.

To honor International Women's Day and to raise money for its seismic retrofit and renovations, the Women's Building at 18th and Valencia is hosting "The Next Revolution," an event to honor special guests Gloria Steinem, Clara Lux Navarro, Alice Walker, and Luz Navarro, Alice Walker, and other "women of courage and action" this Friday, March 3 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The 6 p.m. reception, silent auction, and banquet coincides with the near completion of the Women's Building, which by June will feature a child care center, a community cafe, expanded bilingual information and referral ser-



The Women's Building hosts a benefit this Friday

vices, and additional space for community organizations to meet.

Items to be auctioned off at
Friday's benefit include gifts from

Asian Neighborhood Design, Asian Neignoornood Design, Berkeley Repertory Theater, Napa Valley Wine Train, Osento Baths, Cafe Riggio, Defending Ourselves, the Oakland A's, and the Museum of Craft and Folk Art. Dinner,

of Craft and Folk Art. Dinner, drinks, entertainment, and ideas for "the next revolution" are yours for the taking; tickets to the event are \$100 per person.

The Women's Building remains one of the only womenowned and -operated community centers in the country, serving

women, men, and children of all ages, races, and cultures. The Hyatt Regency is located at 5 Embarcadero Center, Market and Drumm streets in downtown San Francisco. To reserve a space at Friday's benefit celebration, call (415) 864-8523. For more information, contact Teresa Mejia, director of the Women's Building, at (415) 431-1180, extension 12. ▼

# Swing your partner to City Hall March 23

#### by Terry Beswick

ore than 400 lesbian and gay couples have publicly declared their affection for each other at annual City Hall ceremonies in San Francisco since Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr. began hosting the events in 1996.

The fourth annual same-sex

domestic partners commitment ceremony will be held in the City Hall Rotunda on Thursday, March 23 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. In order to participate in the

In order to participate in the symbolic ceremony, couples do not need to be registered as do-mestic partners with the city. Normally, to get an official domestic partnership ceremony conducted at City Hall, both partners must visit the County Clerk's office in advance to sign

up as domestic partners, show identification, and pay a \$35 fee. Or they may have their applica-tion notarized, and show it to the tion notarized, and show it to the county clerk. Though no certificate will be given, the prerequisite is being waived for the upcoming mayoral event only, according to County Clerk Nancy Alfaro, "to generate more interest in the ceremony."

For the March 23 ceremony,

same-gender couples must com-plete a form, available in person or by mail from the county clerk, and turn it in by March 17 to the clerk's office with at least one partner's signature - and a \$30 fee, which the city charges for any domestic partner or civil marriage ceremony.

In support of Assemblywoman Carole Migden's drive to register 50,000 domestic partners with the

state by the end of the year, the mayor's office is also planning to have a notary public on site at the City Hall event so that couples may register their domestic partnership with the secretary of state. There is a \$10 fee to sign up for the other that require the public will be an extended. the state registry; there will be an additional charge for the notary public's services

"We're happy to be working with [Assemblywoman] Migden's office to make sure that the state registry is enhanced by the city's ceremony," said Rebecca Prozan, the mayor's LGBT liaison.

To sign up for the City Hall ceremony, or for more information on domestic partnerships, call Maribel Jaldon of the County Clerk's office at (415) 554-4961.



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- Extending Muni K,L,M,N schedules to 2.30am on weekend / 4 hr
- Extending Muni K.L.M., N schedules to 2.50am on weekend transfer.
   Immediate implementation of the plan to reroute Muni bus lines #27, #12, #19, #30 to SoMa area to reduce gridlock.
   Valet parking for SF neighborhood lots.
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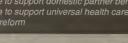
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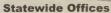
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# NO on Prop. 21

Stop Pete Wilson's Mean-Spirited Attack on Our Youth

Prop 21 pushes children into adult courts and prisons. Juvenile crime and violence in California has already dropped in every category. Prop 21 costs California taxpayer hundreds of millions of dollars yearly and uses funds that could improve our schools.

#### **Statewide Propositions**

	Yes on 1A	Indian Gaming/Self-Reliance
	Yes on 12	Park/Environment Bonds
	Yes on 13	Water Bonds
	Yes on 14	Library Bonds
-	Yes on 16	Veterans' Homes Bonds
	No on 18	Unneeded Expansion of Death Penalty
	No on 19	Transit Police Covered Already
	No on 20	May Decrease Teacher Salaries
	No on 21	Don't Jail Juveniles With Adults
VAL	No on 22	Stop the Attacks on Our Families
	No on 25	Fake Finance Reform Favoring the Wealthy
	Yes on 26	School Bonds on Majority Vote
	No on 27	Unenforceable Waste of Taxpayer Money
	No on 28	Don't Repeal Children's Health Programs
	No on 29	Wilson's Indian Gaming Compact
	Yes on 30	Restores Right to 3rd Party Lawsuits
	Yes on 31	Stop Insurance Company Unfair Practices
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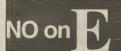
#### Stop Pete Knight's Attack on Our Families

Proposition 22 is not about marriage; it is about making discrimination state law. Similar laws have been used to deny equal rights and protections for LGBT people, like hospital visitation rights, domestic partnership laws and even overturning local nondiscrimination laws. Your vote is needed to stop this hateful, divisive attack on our rights. **Vote NO on Proposition 22!** 



#### **SF/Local Propositions**

Yes on A, C..... Maintain our Parks and Open Space No on B ...... Bad Plan Costs Public Too Much for a Private Institution Yes on D ...... Supervisors' Health Benefits No on E ...... Unusable Vouchers Will Increase Homelessness No position on F



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# **Democratic County Central Committee (DCCC)**

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Elect these neighborhood and community activists to help represent our interests in the Democratic

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245. Tony Kilroy

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247. Henry Louie

Chinese Community Activist

252. Marjorie Ann Williams

Visitacion Valley Activist

253. Joe Julian

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255. Jane Morrison

Environmentalist/SFT President

257. Eric Mar

Immigrant Rights Attorney

# 13<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

240. Richard Ow

Tenant Activist

242. Aaron Peskin

Preservationist/Telegraph Hill Activist

243. Wade Crowfoot

Environmental Activist

Haight/Ashbury Community Activist

247. Criss Romero ▼ Labor/Latino Activist

249 Willie Ratcliff

ewspaper Editor/Bayview Activist

250. Jeff Sheehy ▼

Equal Benefits Ordinance Author

253. Robin Levitt v

Environmentalist/Bicycle Activist

294. Greg Day

LGBT Community Activist

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Bayview/Environmental Activist

298. Jerry D. Threet

Tenants Attorney/Housing Activist

306. Phillip Babcock

Milk Club President/LGBT Activist

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# 'Adopt-a-Street' comes to the Castro

by Cynthia Laird

astro area business leaders and merchants gathered February 18 to join Mayor Willie ruary 18 to John Mayor While Brown and Department of Public Works officials in kicking off DPW's new Adopt-a-Street program. "We're celebrating another suc-cessful collaboration in the Cas-

cessful contact and mit classification and the openly gay DPW director, told the assembled crowd. The Adopt-a-Street program partners the city with merchants and residents to agree to

chants and residents to agree to adopt a street or an area and take responsibility for keeping it clean.

"The city has been extremely responsive," said Patrick Batt, president of the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro. "Now it's time to indicate to merchants that it's their time. We have to clean our own doorstens. We have

clean our own doorsteps. We have to make merchants accountable."

Batt was presented with a proclamation from the mayor, along with local resident Delmar

along with local resident Delmar Neal, who operates a storefront cleaning business on the 2300 block of Market; Starbucks; MUMC; and the Monarch Group. Neal was recognized for his work keeping the 2300 block of Market clean. "I've adopted my block," Neal said, adding that since it's the area where the F-line streetcar turns around, he wanted it clean. Neal said it was too bad



Castro resident Delmar Neal; Mayor Willie Brown; Patrick Batt, MUMC president; Thomas Dougherty, Starbucks; Emery Bushong, Monarch Group; Mark Primeau, DPW director.

that he hasn't the people power to

expand his efforts.

Brown, known for not liking litter on city streets, likened this new campaign to being "at war" against trash. He cited recent ex-amples of neighborhoods getting together in the Haight and the Mission to improve those districts.

"I hope every merchant will follow, and I hope every resident will follow," said the mayor. "If they did, this would be a spectacture."

ularly clean city.

According to Karin Flood Ek-lund, DPW coordinator for the program, residents can become part of the program by entering into an agreement with the city to keep their sidewalk or street clean. They will receive some supplies, such as a broom, trash bags, and gloves from DPW. Typically, the

agreements are for one year. Corporations or merchant associations can enter into a similar agreement with the city, which may provide a trained Adopt-a-Street sweeper to clean the area around the business. Initially, the sweeper will be paid by the city as part of the program. After about one year, the corporation or merchant association may opt to hire the trained sweeper to continue

the cleaning service.

Batt said he'll be devoting his column in MUMC's upcoming newsletter to discuss the advantages of the program for members.

For more information on Adopta-Street, call 98-ADOPT.

# On March 7 VOTE REFORM!





# **Aaron Peskin**

- · Neighborhood leader and environmentalist
- · Saved Colombo Building from destruction
- · Endorsed by SF Tenants Union

# **Robin Levitt**





- Architect, L/G/B/T Community Center design
- Led "stop the freeway" campaigns
- Transit first, bicycle and pedestrian advocate ww.electrobin.com

# Wade Crowfoot





- Environmental organizer and youth advocate
- · Leader of MUNI reform effort
- Endorsed by Affordable Housing Alliance

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**KNIGHT PROP 22** 

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# Genderblast this Saturday

by Katie Szymanski

rans, gender-variant, interrans, gender-variant, inter-sexed, and gender-question-ing youth – plus their friends and allies of all ages – are invited to Genderblast this Satur-day, March 4, at San Francisco's Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy at 19th and Collingwood from

noon to 4 p.m.

Genderblast will kick off the newly formed Youth Gender Project and the spring season of the Harvey Milk Institute by providing a forum to exchange ideas about what it means to be a trans youth. The event will allow trans youth to come together and discuss their lives, and will also be educational for those who want to learn more

about genderqueer youth.

A panel featuring youth and young adults of all different genders will start the event. Lunch will be served, then participants will reconvene in smaller workshops to address certain topics in depth, such as medical issues for genderqueer youth, cultural diversity and gender identity, and making school classrooms and organizations friendly to identity, and making school class-rooms and organizations friendly to youth of all genders. Finally, the Sis-ters of Perpetual Indulgence will be on hand to conduct a drag makeover workshop. Youth Gender Project is an adult/youth partnership to empow-

er and support gender-variant youth of all ethnic, cultural, and racial backgrounds. For more information on Saturday's free event, call (415) 552-7200 or (510) 665-9234. ▼



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# Sonoma fights Knight

by Lois Pearlman

ust before the big election this Tuesday, March 7, the Sonoma County No on Knight committee announced a host of endorsements that it had been steadily gathering over the past few months.

Standing in front of down-town Santa Rosa's Joe Rattigan State Building on a blustery gray day, last Thursday, Pebruary 24, committee chair Maddy Hirsh-field rattled off a list of names that included seven of the county included seven of the county's nine city councils, the board of supervisors, religious leaders, labor unions, elected officials, and

activist organizations.

Some of the endorsers participated in the outdoor news conference, along with dozens of committee members and other sup-

"One of our top priorities," said Santa Rosa Mayor Janet Con-dron, who led off the conference, who see of the conference,
"has been youth and families. It's
so important that we support all
families. Proposition 22 flies in the
face of all that we're supporting."
Sonoma County Supervisor

Mike Reilly, who represents the west county including the Russian River, quipped that the vote on the Board of Supervisors endorsing No on 22 had been 4 to 1, "but

if we get the same proportion at the polls, we'll take it."

Recent polls show the anti-gay measure winning by a 13-point

margin.
Reilly, a strong supporter of
the LGBT community, called
marriage "an evolving institution," and described Proposition
22 as "an insidious measure."
Addressing the group together,
Rabbi George Gittleman and the
Reverend Gail Pickerell, whose
congregations share a building,
explained why their religious be-

congregations share a building, explained why their religious beliefs inspired them to oppose Proposition 22.

"We see this initiative as oppressive, as discriminatory," Pickerell said. "It singles out gays and lesbians. As religious people we're trained to fight oppression, and that's why we're fighting this initiative."

tiative."
"It's a blurring of the line of separation of church and state," Gittleman explained.
The list of Sonoma County endorsements includes the city councils of Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Cotati, Rohnert Park, Healdsburg, Sonoma and Sebastopol, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and all of the county's state and federal representatives – Con-

visors and all of the county's state and federal representatives – Congressmembers Lynn Woolsey and Mike Thompson, state Senator Wes Chesbro, and Assembymembers Kerry Mazzoni, Patricia Wiggins, and Virginia Strom-Martin.

Union endorsers include the North Bay Labor Council (AFL-CIO), the National Association of Letter Carriers Local 183, Carpenters Union Local 751, California Faculty Association at Sonoma State University, International Association of Machinists and Aerosciation of Machinist sociation of Machinists and Aero-space Workers local 1596, Sono-ma-Mendocino-Lake counties

#### Correction

In the February 24 article "Positive men wanted for new UCSF study," the phone number to call to en-roll was incorrect. Interest-ed men should call 1-888-9BAYMEN. We apologize for the error.



Maddy Hirshfield

Construction Trades Council, and the county's largest union, Service Employees International Union Local 707.

Other endorsers are Gittleman Other Endotsets are Gritchian of Congregation Shom Rei Torah, Pickerell of Christ United Methodist Church, Rabbi Jonathan Slater of Temple Beth Ami, Sonoma County NOW, the Sonoma County Center for Peace and Justice, and the National Women's Political Caucus of Sonoma County Some members of the two city councils that failed to endorse No

councils that failed to endorse No on 22 – Cloverdale and Windsor – added their individual support, including Windsor Mayor Debo-rah Fudge, Windsor City Council-man Sam Salmon and Cloverdale

City Councilman Robert Jehn. In addition to gathering en-

In addition to gathering endorsements, Sonoma County No on Knight has participated in tabling, phone banking, public presentations, and appearances on local radio programs.

Apparently the efforts are paying off. Despite the presence of an active pro-22 campaign, polls show that opposition to Proposition 22 is increasing in Sonoma County. The no votes are now 7 percent ahead of the yes votes. ▼

Full disclosure: Lois Pearlman is a member of the Sonoma County No on Knight

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# More straight talk

epublican presidential candidate John McCain and his "Straight Talk Express" are careening out of control—just in time for this Tuesday's California primary. The thing about McCain is that for all his candor and so-called "straight talk," the Arizona senator has shown a remarkable ability to persuade independents and some Democrats to join his campaign while at Democrats to join his campaign, while at the same time espousing clear anti-gay and homophobic rhetoric.

In two recent instances, McCain has shown an utter lack of knowledge on gay shown an utter lack of knowledge on gay and lesbian issues. The first was last week at a college town hall meeting in Sacramento. McCain was asked his position on Proposition 22, the Limit on Marriages initiative. Initially, McCain said he would vote against the measure if he were a California voter. Then, a short time later, McCain did an about-face and indicated he "misunderstood" the question. He would, he clarified, vote for the initiative, which states that only marriage between a man and a woman would be recognized in California.

This is the same John McCain who last month adamantly and repeatedly refused to

month adamantly and repeatedly refused to take a stand on a state issue – that one involving the Confederate battle flag flying volving the Confederate battle flag flying over the South Carolina capitol. Where is the consistency in McCain's positions? He comes out for Proposition 22 – a state ballot measure – but ducks the divisive issue of a flag linked with slavery flying over a public building in a Southern state.

Last Sunday, on ABC's *This Week*, McCain defended his vote against the Employment Non-discrimination Act that would have extended federal employment protections to include sexual orientation. "I don't believe that [gays and lesbians] belong in a

tions to include sexual orientation. "I don't believe that [gays and lesbians] belong in special category...," he said. That prompted a response from the Democratic National Committee. "McCain's 'straight talk' is not straight on the fact that, in most states, gays and lesbians in the work force can be fired simply because of their sexual orientation," said Joe Andrew, DNC national chair.

On Monday, McCain lashed out at the religious right, calling Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell "agents of intolerance." While we would agree that Robertson and Falwell are in need of some criticism, McCain does-n't equate the intolerance of the religious right with his own intolerance of gays and lesbians. In fact, McCain's criticism of the religious right rings hollow because McCain is not that much different than they are. If anything, McCain has demonstrated over the last week that it is he who is intolerant – he has come out against domestic partner benefits, gay adoption, and ENDA, and come out for Proposition 22. He repeatedly asks voters to "Come join us," but that phrase runs smack up against a brick wall when it comes to gay issues and equal rights. It's quite sues and equal rights. It's quite clear McCain doesn't want us to join him.

That's okay

That's okay.

We have Democratic presidential candidates who support our issues.

Both Al Gore and Bill Bradley are opposed to Proposition 22, they would alter the failed "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy covering gays in the military, and they discuss inclusion for gays and lesbians. It is unfortunate that the Democratic race for president has been lack-**Editorial** and resolats. It is unfortunate that the De-mocratic race for president has been lack-luster; a more competitive Democratic pri-mary would probably have led to a higher voter turnout against Proposition 22. We have endorsed Gore because of his

experience and his support for us over the years, and because we believe he is the better candidate to beat the Republicans in the

It is imperative that lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transgenders go to the polls this Tuesday, if for no other reason, than to vote against Propositions 21 and 22. Proposition 21, the Juvenile Crime initiative, would cost tens of millions of dollars for prison expansion, while doing nothing to help kids in the way of prevention and education efforts. It is an extreme measure that

forts. It is an extreme measure that will result in more incarceration of children and minority youth. In terms of Proposition 22, well, what more is there to say? For weeks,

we have been writing about the dangers gays and lesbians in the state may face if the Knight initiative is approved, because conservatives may use a win

servatives may use a win against us to strip away other rights and protections we enjoy. We know that from the beginning the campaign to defeat Proposition 22 has been a tough one and the polls don't look good.

McCain called the far right "evil" the other day, and we would agree with that. It is these same right-wing homophobes that are supporting Proposition 22. We need to send them a message.

Vote this Tuesday. Vote No on Propositions 21 and 22.

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**Guest Opinion** 

The next 21 years

here are some things you don't want

here are some things you don't want to be right about.

Several years ago I was passing out flyers in the Castro against the anti-immigrant Proposition 187. While most folks took the flyer and acknowledged the danger of Proposition 187, a handful pushed the flyer back in my hands and told me "it wasn't our issue," meaning, I guess, that 187 had nothing to do with lesbians and gay men. My response was to point out that if we failed to stop Proposition 187, we'd be next. I didn't expect my observation to come to pass this soon. This Tuesday, March 7, we have a chance to do what we failed to do have a chance to do what we failed to do when facing Propositions 187 and 209: draw a line in the sand and say "No more."

The lesbian and gay community of every race and class is now the group square in the sites of forces who have made a life's work of denying protection and sponsoring dis-crimination against us. Proposition 22: The Limit on Marriages initiative, authored by state Senator Pete Knight and supported with big money and unprecedented orga-nizing of the Mormon and Catholic churches, is the latest perversion of Califor-

churches, is the latest perversion of camor-nia's initiative process. It is political insanity that we live in a state where the majority gets to vote on what rights the minority will get to enjoy – but we do. If Proposition 22 passes by a big

margin there is no doubt that it will be the beginning of an all-out attack on lesbian and gay civil rights. The agenda of the key supporters of Proposition 22 is not limited to marriage, by any stretch.

No, their plan is to start with marriage, and use a victory on this issue as a club to repeal or block other fragile protections and security we've worked for decades to secure. With a significant loss, we lose more than 22, we lose credibility among our friends in the California Assembly and Senate, we embolden Assembly and Senate, we embolden those opposed to our equality to capitalize on their momentum and capitalize on their momentum and come after us again. Will the next issue be a repeal of domestic part-ner protections, an anti-gay adoption bill, a reen-

actment of sodomy laws?

actment of sodomy laws?
Who knows, but make no
mistake about it there will be a next time if
we lose big this week. So, what to do? Vote,
vote, vote – you, your friends, your coworkers, your roommates, your family –
everyone you know. Talk to them all, tell
them what's at stake, ask them to vote for
basic foirpress and equility.

them what's at stake, ask them to vote for basic fairness and equality.

Twenty-one years ago our community last faced a direct anti-gay threat. The Briggs initiative would have barred lesbians and gays from teaching in the public schools. Can you imagine an issue that would have been easier to pass in 1978 than something about us and kids? But, even though the odds were

enormous, our community and our allies defeated Briggs by an almost 2-1 margin. None of us expect such a resounding victory with Proposition 22, this campaign has been all uphill, with more to go. But the lesson of Briggs in that we can win and in doing so we guarantee being left alone for maybe another 21 years - or maybe forever.

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To win, however, will take nothing less then everything. Almost \$6 million has been raised, a statewide, grassroots effort has been organized, every major newspaper has railed against Proposition 22, religious leaders, labor, politicians, teachers, non-gay leaders in communities of color, and even many Republicans have all expressed clear opposi-

expressed clear opposition to the politics of division represented by 22.
Now, in these final days it is up to us to do our own mobilization of

is up to us to do our own mobilization of everyone we know to understand the importance of voting NO on 22.

I don't know what's going to happen on March 7. But when we wake up on March 8, we have to come to consciousness knowing we each did all we could for our own future.

Kate Kendell is the executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights and on the statewide board of the No on Knight campaign.

#### Club Universe responds

Club Universe responds

It is not responsible for the press to speculate about drug use as contributing to the tragic death of Jeff Goring early Sunday, February 13. According to friends and observers on the scene he was not a victim of a drug related death. ["South Bay man dies at gay club," February 17 and "More trouble at SOMA dance club," February 17 and "More trouble at SOMA dance club," February 24.]

We understand and empathize with the emotions of the friends of Jeff Goring, His death at such an early age leaves them and us asking "Why?"

That is still an unanswered question. The answer will come from the city medical examiner in time. Until then it seems unwise to speculate about the life and death of Jeff Goring in the "Letters" section of the Bay Area Reporter [Mailstrom, February 24].

Steve Cohen brings up valid points in the discussion of GHB use within the community and society as a whole. Though we are at a loss as to why this is being interjected into the discussion surrounding Jeff Goring's death. Observations of the condition of Jeff Goring made by paramedics at the time of his death countered that it was GHB related.

Steve Cohen alludes to "proper assistance to partons who have fallen ill." The safety of our guests at Club Universe is always in the forefront of our minds. We take great care in ensuring that our employees have the proper training and equipment to deal with emergencies. At the time of Jeff Goring's

we take great care in ensuring that our employees have the proper training and equipment to deal with emergencies. At the time of Jeff Goring's death, the safety of the other patrons was equally important. While every step was taken to revive Mr. Goring, the staff also acted to ensure that the other guests remained calm

mained calm.

As a public establishment that has

As a public establishment that has been a positive part of the entertainment scene in the city, we accept our responsibility to provide a safe environment for our guests. But if a guest chooses to use GHB or similar drugs, then they must bear the primary responsibility for their safety.

We wish that we could have prevented Mr. Goring's death. But we know that our staff did everything anyone could have done to resuscitate him. Our staff too, is suffering the shock of this tragedy. It was unforeseen and nothing we could have done differently foreseen and nothing we could have done differently could have prevented it.

Ty Dakota, Audrey Joseph, and the staff of Club Universe San Francisco

#### Gore is better on LGBT issues

Gore is better on LGBT issues

On Tuesday, March 7, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered Californians will not only have the opportunity to vote against and defeat the hateful and divisive Knight initiative, we will also have the chance to vote for the most queer friendly presidential candidate in U.S. history, Vice President Al Gore. No other candidate in this year's presidential primary comes close to matching Gore's long and impressive record of leadership in fighting for our community. Since his days in Congress, Gore has consistently fought anti-gay bigotry. In 1988, he co-sponsored Hate Crimes Statistics legislation the day it was introduced. In 1993, he was one of the few voices in the White House to forcefully oppose the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and if elected has vowed to eliminate this failed and discriminatory policy. In recent years, he has taken on the Republican Congress and advocated for the passage of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act and the Employment Non-discrimination Act. He strongly supported the appointment of tion Act. He strongly supported the appointment of James Hormel as our first openly gay U.S. ambassador and the Executive Order banning discrimination based on sexual orientation in the federal govern-

ment.
Al and Tipper Gore have been welcomed by our community in San Francisco several times. I know firsthand of their long-standing and heartfelt commitment to our issues. Openly lesbian and gay men are among their closest advisors and friends. They have visited and read names at the AIDS Memorial Quilt. In a fundamental way, they believe that our lives and families should be celebrated, not denigrated

Al Gore has condemned the Knight initiative and why he believes that same-sex couples deserve the same legal protections and recognition as married couples. He has stated that, if elected, he will appoint a presidential commission to investigate how such rights can best be secured.

Some in our community have expressed support for former Senator Bill Bradley. While I have great re-spect for Senator Bradley, believe his voice has been a welcome addition to the general debate, and applaud his commendable policy stances, I believe it is fair to ask where he was on our issues before his presidential run. As most activists in the queer community know, Bill Bradley rarely met with us and was never an adocate for the community before this campaign. In fact, as late as 1996, he acknowledged to the *Detroit News* that "there is a limit to how far he can go in supporting gay rights . . . and he has reached it."

The contrast with Gore's long and consistent

record of fighting for our community could not be more clear. Mr. Gore has stood with us and fought for us over the years and this is why over 100 gay and lesbian elected officials from around the country have endorsed his candidacy. It is imperative that we elect someone to the White House with the kind of record Al Gore has on queer issues. Please join me on March 7 in voting for Al Gore and against Proposition 22.

Mark Leno, Member San Francisco Board of Supervisors

#### Bradley is better on LGBT issues

Bradley is better on LGBT issues

I'm shocked that the Humans Rights Campaign has sought to make an endorsement in the presidential race without actually comparing the candidates' positions on LGBT issues ["HRC endorses Al Gore," February 17]. Sidestepping the issues, HRC argues that Gore deserves the endorsement because of his alleged past support for the LGBT community. At best, Gore's record is spotty on gay and lesbian issues:

Gays in the military. Until just this last December, Gore continued to support the disastrous and discriminatory Clinton-Gore policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" On the other hand, Senator Bill Bradley has always opposed DADT (he was one of only two Democratic Senators who voted against it in 1993) and stated early on that gays and lesbians should be allowed to serve openly in the military.

Colorado's Amendment 2. Despite repeated requests, the Clinton-Gore administration absolutely refused to intercede on our

tion absolutely refused to intercede on our behalf in the federal court cases involving Colorado's discriminatory Amendment 2 which would have prevented gays and lesbians from receiving equal treatment under the law

under the law.
Discrimination against PWAs. In Alabama, HIV-positive prisoners are barred from educational and recreational programs where they might mix with the general population. Gore supports the administration's efforts to have the Supreme Court reject hearing an appeal in this case.
Bradley has publicly denounced this stance. Mailstrom

Hate crimes legislation. HRC cites Gore's supposed strong commitment to hate crimes legislation (HCPA), but fails to mention that just last year Clin-(HCPA), but fails to mention that just last year Clinton-Gore abandoned HCPA in conference committee and let it die. HRC concluded that Gore is a man of "word and deed" but HCPA is a prime example of another Clinton-Gore "word and no deed." Bradley, on the other hand, has been an early and consistent supporter of hate crimes legislation.

If HRC had bothered to compare the candidates on the issues, they would have also discovered that Bradley has staked out much stronger positions than Gore on other vital issues.

Gore on other vital issues.

For example, civil rights legislation. Bradley supports comprehensive civil rights for gays and lesbians (including equal treatment in employment, housing, public accommodation). Gore actively opposes these efforts; instead, he would only provide for non-discrimination in certain, limited employment situa-

Equal access to health care. Bradley's health care

Equal access to health care. Bradley's health care plan specifically includes equal treatment for LGBT families; Gore's makes no such provisions.

No on Knight. Bradley spoke out early and strongly against the mean-spirited and divisive Knight initative. After Gore first stated that he needed to study the issue more, his campaign threw together a hasty press release once they learned of Bradley's opposition to Proposition 22.

Equality for LGBT families. Bradley has proposed comprehensive domestic partnership legislation that would give gay couples all of the benefits of married straight couples, including social security, insurance,

would give gay cupies and the delients of matrixes traight couples, including social security, insurance, inheritance, and tax benefits as well as full and equal adoption and immigration rights; Gore's plan is non-existent. Instead, Gore has stated that he would either leave these issues up to the individual states or set up commissions to conduct further studies.

Given the facts, one has to wonder whether HRC is really representing the best interests of the LGBT community or simply representing the career aspirations of its leaders.

Jeff Soukup San Francisco

#### Men only need apply

Where are all the women? It is with great outrage where are an the women: It is with great outrage that we note the absence of endorsed women candi-dates by the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club and the San Francisco Bay Guardian. Once again the Milk Club and the Bay Guardian have endorsed the exact same slate of candidates for Democratic County Cen-

Same state of caminates in Democratic County Central Committee (DCCC).

We must protest that on this slate of self-proclaimed reformers of the local Democratic Party there is not a single lesbian candidate endorsed citywide and not a single woman endorsed in the 13th Assembly District comprising the more liberal east side of

Qualified and experienced women political leaders

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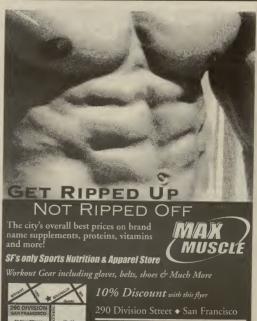
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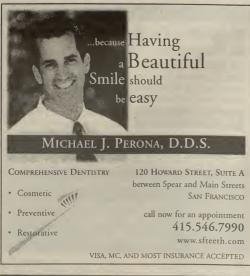
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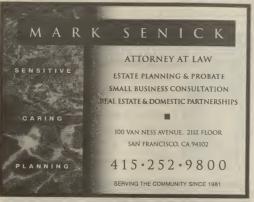
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#### **Mailstrom**

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were ignored. Lesbian incumbents Leslie Katz and were ignored. Essalar intendents Lesia Ratz and Connie O'Connor were passed over. Long-time Democratic Party activist and progressive standard-bearer Sue Bierman was not a strong enough candidate for them. School Board member Juanita Owens was not qualified for them either. Many other talented and qualified women grassroots activists and neighborhood organizers were passed over by both the Milk Club and the *Bay Guardian*.

the Milk Club and the Bay Guardian.

This is reform? It sounds to us more like de-evolution to the traditional old boys network of the past that has shut women out of leadership roles.

The DCCC is the decision-making body for the local Democratic Party. Why are the Harvey Milk Club and the Bay Guardian threatened by the idea of women being at the table as partners? The DCCC is the body that makes the official Democratic Party entered to the processing of the local Party entered to the past that has shut women out of the past that has shut women out of leadership roles.

the body that makes the official Democratic Party endorsements for local propositions and offices. Why do the Milk Club and the Bay Guardian not want women having any effect upon these endorsements?

The DCCC has traditionally been a starting point for many political careers. Assemblywoman Carole Migden, Supervisor Leslie Katz, Supervisor Sue Bierman, College Board Trustee Natalie Berg and others, all home their political careers with the DCCC. all began their political careers with the DCCC.
Will we let the Harvey Milk Club and the Bay

Guardian silence the next generation of women and lesbian political leaders?

Absolutely not! We encourage you to elect a diverse slate of DCCC candidates that is adequately comprised of women candidates and of men who are not threatened by the involvement of women or lesbians in the political decision-making process.

Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, Founders, Daughters of Bilitis; Margaret Sloan-Hunter, Co-founder, Ms. magazine; Natalie Berg, Chair, SF Democratic Party Julie Tremont, President, National Women's Politi-cal Caucus; Elmy Bermejo, Member, CA Commission on the Status of Women; Esther Lee and Lisa Chun, Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club; Martha Knutzen and Fran Kipnis, Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club, Carole Cullum, Rosalinda del Moral, Roma Guy, Pat Norman, Andrea Shorter, Betty Sullivan Andrea Shorter, Betty Sullivan

#### Choices in DCCC race

On March 7, you will have the opportunity to change the nature of leadership within the local Democratic Party. On that day, Democrats will choose their representatives to the Democratic County Central Committee (DCCC). This committee makes key endorsements in local races and spends funds helping their endorsees get elected.

their endorsees get elected.

You have several choices in this race, You can vote for the gay and lesbian candidates, of which there are many. You can vote for a slate of mayoral appointees, such as that offered by the Alice B. Toklas Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club, knowing each of these candidates will dutifully execute the orders of the local Democratic political machine.

Or, if you want independent leadership on the

mocratic political machine.

Or, if you want independent leadership on the DCCC which will represent the real needs of our communities and neighborhoods, you can vote for the diverse slate of community leaders and activists endorsed by the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club, the San Francisco Bay Guardian, and many other independent Democratic clubs in town.

We hope you will join us in supporting independent representation of our communities on the

dent representation of our communities on the

Jerry D. Threet Phillip Babcock Criss Romero Candidates for DCCC, 13th AD

#### Liberty and justice for all

Proposition 22 is not a religious issue, it is a civil rights issue.

rights issue.

I have heard people say "this can not be compared to the black civil rights movement." Correct. Because gays and lesbians are not always seen or heard. One can hide one's sexuality but one can not hide one's

Anytime a group of people are not allowed the same access or rights, it is discrimination and the government should not be in the business of taking rights

If gays and lesbians are going to be second-class citizens in this country, then they should not have to

citizens in this country, then they should not have to pay first-class taxes.

I often hear that gays and lesbians are the reason the country is morally corrupt.

Gays and lesbians do not have illegitimate children for obvious reasons and leave them for the government to care for, yet many gay, lesbian and same-sex couples adopt those children after jumping through books.

If Proposition 22 passes it will not affect the loving relationships that already exist, it will only show that California is not a leader in promoting human and civil rights. I once heard "The country goes as California goes." We passed Proposition 209, Proposition 227 and other hate-based propositions. Yes, we are leading the nation in holding back progress and to pass Proposition 22 will also show the country we in California are very happy to hate people that are dif-

Vote No on Proposition 22.

Mark Champs Lakewood, California

#### **Emphatic No on Proposition 22**

Emphatic No on Proposition 22

Regarding Proposition 22, the marriage protection initiative. I have been thinking about this initiative and the claims that it will protect marriage or the claims that it will promote bigotry.

I thought, "How could this promote bigotry against anyone?" This made me think of the signs that I used to see saying "whites only." Although these signs didn't explicitly exclude African Americans, or others, from entry or service to these establishments, it was quite well known what was meant.

Whether I agree or not with persons other than a

Whether I agree or not with persons other than a man and woman being married, I cannot agree with bigotry. Although it is claimed by the Yes on 22 groups to be non-bigoted, it does seem to have heavy influences in that direction, just as the "whites only" signs did.

I am therefore going to be voting an emphatic No on Proposition 22 and at the same time will encourage anyone that I know to do the same.

Heather M. Hartman Fremont, California

#### Tricked into supporting Prop. E

The Hilton Hotel, BOMA – the Business Owners and Managers Association, district merchants, and Republican Party leaders, who paid for arguments in the voter information pamphlet, have been tricked into spending big money in support of San Francisco Proposition I

If it passes, they will quickly find the results just the opposite of what they were promised.

In giving useless vouchers instead of cash to poor people on public assistance, Proposition E will put more people homeless on the street – and panhamites.

more people nomeiess on the street – and pannanding will increase when they need cash to pay the rent and buy food.

Landlords can refuse to accept vouchers, and people in shared or low-rent units can be evicted when they no longer have cash to pay rent. And \$300 vouchers will not give them a new spot in the \$450 Tenderloin batels. Tenderloin hotels

Jane Morrison

#### Denying privacy is homophobic

Notwithstanding Pat Christen's calling the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's donation to No on Knight 'a significant amount" [SFAF, Horizons give \$105K to help fight Knight initiative," February 10], it's less than one-third her annual salary and only a bit more than 4 percent of SFAF's unrestricted funds for Y2K. Not enough, I would guess, to jeopardize SFAF's

nonprofit status.

Yet I don't understand how denying homosexuals Yet I don't understand how denying homosexuals the right to marry is any more homophobic than denying gay and bisexual men a place to relax in privacy in bathhouses. If on the basis of the study done of sexual behavior in Belgian saunas and CAPS surveys of HIV transmission in American cities with bathhouses and/or "sex clubs," the Milk Club, the LGBT Advisory Committee to the Human Rights Commission, the HIV Prevention Planning Council, and Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center were able to condemn the SF public health director's ban on privacy, I would think SFAF, not to mention the Stop AIDS Project, could do so too. What is getting in the way? The Belgian study even won a prize from the Society of Medical Anthropology, but I haven't read the CDC findings Christen claims as authority for donating have won any prizes yet.

I suspect that despite her professed belief in gay and lesbian equality – indeed perhaps because of that belief – Pat Christen, like too many gays, cannot allow herself to consider the contribution bathhouses with private facilities have made and will continue to make

herself to consider the contribution bathhouses with private facilities have made and will continue to make to the quality of gay life in spite of the efforts of politicians, both straight and gay, to close them down as was done years ago here and again recently in Boston and Cathedral City. Can I hope that one day bathhouse vigilantes will understand denying privacy is homophobic? After the gay marriage brouhaha is over, will bathhouse advocates one day be able to say, as Pat Christen said of the CDC correlation of HIV transmission with homophobia in minority commutransmission with homophobia in minority communities, "it's kind of astounding."

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# Demo race nears end; GOP in for long fight

by Wayne Friday

his week's Super Tuesday primary contests in California, New York, Ohio, and nearly a dozen other states could very well spell the end for former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley's quest for the Democratic presidential nomination. Bradley and his campaign advisors know that they are approaching now-ornever time in his bid for the nomination. A win by Vice President Al Gore in the March 7 New York primary, coupled with the expected Gore win in California, as well as a likely win in Ohio, could mean the end of Bradley's campaign. Even Bradley was telling reporters last week that he had to "win a few" in order to remain a serious contender for his party's nomination. So far, Bradley hasn't won any primaries and prospects don't exactly look good for the immediate future, barring a possible win in New York state.

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In a USA Today/CNN/ Gallup Poll taken last week, national Democrats now prefer Gore over Bradley by a wide 67 percent to 25 percent margin. It is hardly a secret that there is increasing talk within the Bradley camp of his impending departure from the race. Part of Bradley's problem seems to be Arizona Senator John Mc-Cain, Bradley's team is concerned, that he is now busy fighting for the support of independents and those Democ-

rats unwilling to leave the party but who are looking for someone other than Bill Clinton's vice president. Seldom does Bradley bring excitement to his appearances that his people had hoped he would create. An exception did come last week in New York City's Greenwich Village where members of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation gave Bradley a rousing welcome and slammed Gore for what they see as less than full support of gay rights. "Rights are rights and should be afforded to everyone," Bradley shouted to a roar of agreement from the gay

and lesbian crowd.

As for the increasingly bitter race between Texas Governor George W. Bush and Arizona Senator John McCain, that's another story. No talk of folding here. Officials from both the McCain and Bush camps now agree that this Republican battle could last for months and might even be decided at the July convention in Philadelphia. Given the primary-by-primary battle that has developed between Bush and McCain, this contest is almost certain to extend beyond mid-March, despite expectations it would all be over by then with the GOP uniting behind their "inevitable" choice,

George W. Bush.

In order to win the GOP presidential nomination, either man will have to win 1,034 delegates, a simple majority of the 2,066 delegates going to the Republican convention. In voting now through March 14, 1,154 GOP delegates will be at stake in two dozen states, including California, New York, Ohio, Florida and Texas. Should Bush win virtually all of them, the nomination



Democratic presidential hopefuls Bill Bradley and Al Gore

would be his, but that is no longer expected and if McCain and Bush continue to split the delegates, as appears now likely, both candidates would fall far short. Some political observers feel that sometime shortly after March 14, either Bush or McCain could pass the magic number of 1,034, but no one is betting on that to happen.

#### Presidential politics

Vice President Gore picked up the endorsements of both Oakland's independent mayor, Jerry

Brown and San Jose's
popular Latino Democratic mayor, Ron
Gonzales this past
weekend.

Governor Gray

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Davis probably said
what a lot of others are
feeling about
John McCain's
misguided use
of the target

John McCain's misguided use of the term describing his abusive captors in a Vietnam prison camp. McCain has since apologized for use of the slur, but Davis, saying that while he held a "soft spot" for his fellow Vietnam veteran, said that "I don't sanction or condone the comment and would never give McCain a pass on using it, and would never use the word myself." Davis added that "on the other hand, those who criticize should just mentally put themselves in his place for five and a half years being beaten regularly in a cell about 5 feet wide – I think we have more important issues to deal with than whether or not he used the appropriate word, which he did not."

#### Politics and people

President Clinton will indeed be at the Mark Hopkins Hotel tomorrow night (March 3) to boost Senator Dianne Feinstein's reelection and to raise funds for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. Expect the Prez to sneak in a plug for Al Gore – tix and info for the \$500 Demo dinner can be obtained by calling 395-8487.

Incidentally, Senator Feinstein and her probable GOP November opponent, Representative Tom Camphell of San Jose, have signed a pledge with an interfaith religious group, the Interfaith Alliance of Washington, D.C., trying to discourage negative campaign tactics. Hey, didn't McCain and Bush sign a similar code only last December? Ha!

Marin Assemblywoman Kerry

Marin Assemblywoman Kerry Mazzoni, a Democrat, is termed out of her Assembly seat and she's a classic reason that the stupid term limits should be done away with. Mazzoni, much like our own Carole Migden, is one of the Assembly's brightest and hardest working members; she (Mazzoni) will be honored tonight by the Marin AIDS Political Action Committee as this year's recipient of the Richard Payne Award, named for the founding member of the Marin AIDS Project, and himself a person with AIDS, for her hard work in pushing a needle exchange law through the Legislature. Mazzoni's tenacity to keep the legislation alive year after year finally led to Governor Davis's signature on a law that allows needle exchange programs in the state to continue to fight AIDS and HIV infection without fear of arrest and prosecution of particular, and the rest of the state in general will miss Mazzoni's leadership after she leaves office.

The Bay Area Reporter's endorsements appear elsewhere in today's paper (read them closely). However, there is also a spirited race this Tuesday on the ballot for control of both the San Francisco Democratic and Republican County Central Committees. For Democrats voting in the 12th Assembly District, I recommend these Central Committee candidates: Chris Dittenhafer, Paul Hogan, Connie O'Connor, Tom Hsieh, and Arlo Smith. In the

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The influential Los Angeles Times, editorializing against Proposition 22 last week." As a ballot measure, Proposition 22 increases intolerance and deepens fissures within our society. In this context, the proposal enshrines in law a social ostracism of gays and lesbians and it heightens the hostility toward those religious beliefs that have led them to support this measure... After the March 7 vote, we must continue the urgent and paramount endeavor of building a society based on inclusion as a basic principle rather than on division, one that values tolerance and promotes justice, one that affirms the inherent dignity of every person."

every person."

This Tuesday, March 7 – vote
No on Proposition 22. ▼













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# Take absolutely nothing for granted

by Nancy Boutilier

t will be easy to cast my vote against the Knight initiative with conviction. My knowledge that this "Limit on Marriages" leads in the polls has me eager to speak out in opposition not only to its bigotry, but also to the breach in my civil rights that it represents.

Proposition 22's very existence

is a reminder that our increasing social acceptance and legal pro-tections should not be taken for granted in a climate rife with backlash. It seems that in all areas of progress, we're seeing the limitations of tolerance: "sure, you queers can serve your country, but just don't tell that you are gay." or "Okay, here are some domestic partner benefits, but don't come

partner benefits, but don't come around asking for real marriage." Even though I know that pas-sage of the Knight initiative won't really change what Congress has already defined as a national standard of marriage with the infa-mous "Defense of Marriage Act,"

mous "Defense of Marriage Act," it enrages me to think that I am living among so many Californians willing to give a vote of confidence to such an exclusionary act. To counter my rage, I have been trying to see beyond the initiative's mean-spirited message from supporters that "we are better and more worthy than you are." I have more worthy than you are." I have

been looking for a lavender lining, something good in the measure.

As I was wading my way through the voter's guides, I stumbled upon a sentiment that seems the closest I can come to positive message sparked by, if not hidden in, the Knight initiative. The message flashed before me as I was going through the list of candidates running for office. As I candidates running for office. As I read the familiar name "Carole Migden, Incumbent" under the list of candidates for District 13's state Assembly spot, the echoes of Proposition 22 transformed

themselves into a message that rattled through me: Take nothing for granted.

So, with the menace

of Proposition 22 threatening to set us back, I want to take time back, I want to take time to shout out "props" to the people who have helped us move forward, Dykeotomy who continue to

who continue to
work with vigilance and gusto to
get things right in this state.

It may be a given that on
March 7, I will enter that voting
booth to cast my vote once again
for Carole Migden, but this year I
will not be as casual I have in the
past when I have seen her name. I
will not take her status as an inwill not take her status as an in-cumbent for granted. I will not take her re-election for granted. I will not even think my usual cyn-ical thoughts about the whole Democratic "machine" and her at-tachment to it. In fact, I will give thanks for her presence on the bal-lot and in the Assembly. And I will cast my vote for Carole Migden with as much conviction as I vote against the Knight initiative.

with as much conviction as I vote against the Knight initiative. In fact, I will try to harness the same enthusiasm I had when I voted for her in November 1990 – voted for her in November 1990 – one month after I had moved to city. At that time, Migden, Roberta Achtenberg and Tom Ammiano pulled off the Lavender Sweep, establishing a new level of gay and lesbian visibility and voice in San Francisco politics. It was the first time I ever had the chance to cast a vote for openly eav candidates I. time I ever had the chance to cast a vote for openly gay candidates. I did not take those victories for granted then, and the world has not changed so fully that I can take such victories for granted today.

And a decade later, many voters in America have still never had the opportunity to vote for — or

- an openly gay or lesbian

My own personal interactions with Migden, mostly from the times I wound up covering the Board of Supervisors during her five-year tenure introduced me to hve-year tenure introduced me to Migden's loud, direct, doer's approach to, well, everything. She did everything at a speed just this side of light speed. In those City Hall days, she was everywhere in the lesbian and gay community—appearing at beer busts, judging some contest at a fundraiser, presenting a cony of a resolution she some contest at a fundratiser, pre-senting a copy of a resolution she ushered through the Board of Su-pervisors declaring Gay and Les-bian This or That Day in the City. When I read descriptions of

When I read descriptions of her that included words like ag-gressive, abrasive, and ambitious, I tended to nod in agreement, but I also recognize that those are some of the qualities that have helped her fight the good fight. I can still remember marveling at the remarkable drive that has

marked her political career when I was on hand at the Gay Softball League's Opening Day in a year that Migden had been invited to that Migden had been invited to throw out the first pitch. She was warming up relentlessly, asking for pointers, because she wanted to display her power and accomplishment even in her throw, she wanted to impress people, even from the pitcher's mound.

There is no personal agenda here. This is no belated valentine to a friend I have crossed naths.

to a friend. I have crossed paths with Migden only in my role as a

writer and though she has, at times, greeted me by name, I have not spoken with her since she left for Sacramento.

But I've watched her. I have voted for her. I have even been rubbed

have even been rubbed the wrong way by her, at times. But I have always appreciated her public statements around lesbian and gay rights and visibility. I have generally agreed with her political positions. And I have always admired her humor, her intelligence, and her hard work. I suspect she can be overly demanding of others, which has been exactly what we have needed in a legislator who is fighting for our rights and our needs. She demands to be listened to on issues that many of her peers do not sues that many of her peers do not want to hear.

Migden has introduced all sorts of important legislation – some of it specific to lesbian and gay rights, much of it not. She cannot afford to be a single-issue politician, but Migden sure has a long list of battles fought - many won, and many lost only to be fought again and again until she wins

again until she wins ...

She can take credit for introducing legislation in issues as varied as education, acupuncture,
breast cancer treatments, domestic partner benefits, a Bay Bridge retrofit, raw eggs, Headwaters preservation, and the deregula-tion of hair braiding. Her most re-cent action was the introduction of AB2418 on February 24. Existing law specifies that no eligible person shall be exempt from service as a trial juror by reason of occupation, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or economic status. Migden has proposed a bill that would add sexual orientation

to the list of biases for which no eligible person shall be exempt from service as a trial juror.

And, of course, Migden has championed the recognition of queer coupledom—through domestic particles and the right contract the right country. tic partners legislation and the right to marry battles. She was involved the creation of San Francisco's do-mestic partners registry back in 1991. Then, in 1994, as a city supervisor, she worked on a ballot measure that gave benefits to the surviv ing domestic partner of city em-ployees. And, there she was, per-forming the first-ever civil ceremo-ny "wedding" for domestic partners with Mayor Brown in 1996 under

legislation she helped make possible.

And here we are, with the Knight initiative on the ballot,

and the chance to vote against it.
For those of us in District 13,
Carole Migden's candidacy is a reminder of what is possible, what
there is to vote FOR, rather than against. Let none of us take Carole Migden – the person or the politician – for granted. ▼

# **Vote March 7th for Gilda Gonzales** Oakland School Board District 3



she knows how to get things done, she's voting NO on Knight, and she supports programs for gay and lesbian youth in our schools. Join me on March 7th - vote for Gilda.'

 Bob Pittman, former school teacher, AIDS activitst, Commissioner, Aging Health and Human Services, Lake Merritt resident

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# Bill Bradley for President

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"We have to get to a time in America when we can see beneath skin color, eye shape, or sexual orientation to the individual, because that is when we're going to be able to achieve the dignity that I think America stands for." – Senator Bill Bradley

# As President, I will work to ensure civil rights for all.

- I will work to amend the 1964 Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation.
- I will repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," and ensure that gays and lesbians can serve openly in the military.
- I will support AIDS prevention initiatives including federal funding for local needle exchange programs.

S an Francisco Frontiers endorses Bill Bradley for his broader definition of health care reform, and his dedication to campaign finance reform. "For AIDS activists Gore has significant baggage," writes Frontiers. "He was involved in a pharmaceutical industry-sponsored campaign to prevent poor nations [from] developing generic AIDS treatments. He only backed off after relentless pressure from ACT/UP Philadelphia."

I support Bill Bradley because his health plan will make it possible for every American to have the same health care that Members of Congress have, regardless of income or pre-existing condition. It's Bradley's highest priority and it should be ours."

- Jeff Sheehy, Equal Benefits Advocates

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Bill Bradley for President endorsements include.

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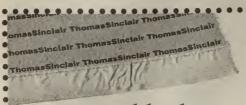
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# How gay was the White House?

by David Bianco

lanche Wiesen Cook's multi-volume biography of Eleanor Roosevelt and Rodger Streit-matter's collection of her passionate correspondence with reporter Lorena Hickok suggest that at least one former first lady of the United States had a lesbian relationship. But several 19th century inhabitants of 1600 Pennsylvania Av-

tants of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue may have had queer leanings, too.
One of James Buchanan's (1791-1868) claims to fame is that he was the United States' first "bachelor" president. When he was in his 20s, Buchanan worked as Buchanan worked as a lawyer in Lancaster, **Past Out** Pennsylvania, where

he met and became engaged to a woman named Ann Coleman. But Buchanan's fiancee broke off the engagement suddenly and died soon after. Buchanan remained

unmarried for the rest of his life. Buchanan, however, enjoyed a 20-year intimate friendship with another bachelor, William Rufus de Vane King. The two men met as U.S. senators in 1834, when King was 57 and Buchanan, 43. They shared quarters in Washington, D.C., for many years, and Buchanan called their relationshing a second control of the se

ship a "communion." King, a cotton planter from Al-

by some of his peers, like Andrew Jackson, who dubbed him "Miss Nancy." Aaron Brown, a leading Democrat, called King "Aunt Fancy" and Buchanan's "better half." In a private letter, Brown used the feminine pronoun for King. Despite King's perceived ef-feminacy, he was elected as Franklin Pierce's vice president in

after only six weeks in office,
King died of tuberculosis.
Buchanan went on to
hold several higher offices,

including secretary of state, and became presi-dent in 1857. His single

dent in 1857. His single term was fraught with upheaval: the Panic of 1857, John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry, and the secession of seven Southern states from the Union. He is now mainly remembered for his failure to take a strong stand asainst slavery.

White House by another possibly queer figure, one who took a historic stand against slavery – Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865).

As a young man, Lincoln had a romantic friendship with Joshua Speed, a Springfield, Illinois, shop-keeper. In 1837, a penniless Lin-coln arrived in town to start his legal career. In need of a place to stay, he inquired at Speed's gener-al store. "I have a very large room and a very large double bed in it," Speed, who was reportedly quite handsome, offered. Lincoln im-

handsome, offered. Lincoln immediately accepted and shared Speed's bed for the next four years.

Two bachelors sharing a bed in the mid-19th century was not uncommon. Lincoln and Speed, however, also shared their deepest confidences, including a fear of women and marriage. As one woman whom Lincoln briefly courted saw it, "Mr. Lincoln was

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deficient in those little links which make up the chain of a woman's happiness." Lincoln told Speed that "our forebodings, for which you and I are rather peculiar, are all the worst sort of nonsense."

Was their relationship sexual? As early as 1926, Lincoln biographer Carl Sandburg intimated that it was; it had "a streak of lavender and soft spots as May violets," he wrote – code words in Sandburg's day for homosexuality.

Most recently, writer Larry Kramer claims to have turned up a diary belonging to Speed and letters between the two men that

a diary belonging to Speed and letters between the two men that were hidden under the floor-boards of the old general store. "Our Abe is like a school girl," al-ways demanding physical affection, Speed reportedly wrote. "He often kisses me when I tease him."

In 1885, 20 years after Lincoln's death, another unmarried president took office. Unlike bachelor

dent took office. Unlike bachelor Buchanan, though, Grover Clevedent took office. Unlike bachelor Buchanan, though, Grover Cleveland had a reputation as a rake. He asked his sister Rose, a "spinster" with a successful career as a teacher, novelist, and literary critic, to move to Washington to be his first lady and bring a note of respectability to the White House. She acted as first lady until her brother married in 1886.

In 1889, when she was 44, Rose Cleveland began a romantic friendship with Evangeline Simpson, a wealthy 30-year-old widow, whom she met while on vacation in Florida. After returning to their

in Florida. After returning to their respective homes, the two women exchanged a flurry of increasingly erotic letters. "I tremble at the thought of you," Cleveland wrote. "I dare not think of your arms." "I dare not think of your arms." Simpson, in return, addressed Cleveland as "my Clevy, my Viking, my Everything." When Simpson enclosed a photo of herself in a letter, Cleveland replied that "the look of it [is] all making me wild." In 1892, Simpson became engaged to an Episcopal bishop twice her age. The decision, Cleveland wrote, hurt her deeply. Nevertheless, she wished the couple well—on White House stationers.

White House stationery.
When Simpson's husband died a few years later, she returned to corresponding with Cleveland. Reunited, the women moved to Italy in 1910, where they lived to-gether until Cleveland died eight years later. Remaining in Italy, Simpson survived her partner by 12 years, and the two were buried there side by side.

# ELECT Joe McDaniel, Jr.

Democratic Central Committee, 13th District (Page 17, Slot 303)

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# Migden wants 50,000 domestic partners to sign up by end of 2000

hether or not Proposition 22 is passed into law by state years 22 is passed into law by state voters on March 7, Californians will likely not see same-sex marriages legalized here for some time.

But if the surreptitiously anti-

gay initiative is successful in pre-empting state recognition of same-sex marriages, there could be a silver lining for advocates of equal rights for gays and lesbians. A Knight initiative win could backfire against its right-wing supporters, spurring demands for extending all the benefits of het-erosexual spouses to same-sex couples in domestic partnerships.

couples in domestic partnerships.
But before state legislators will agree to conferring more benefits to same-sex couples, according to the author of the new domestic partner bill, they must first see a critical mass of domestic partners in the state, and preferably in their own districts.

At a Educary 17 meeting in

At a February 17 meeting in San Francisco, California Assemblywoman Carole Migden (D-San Francisco) called for a statewide grassroots campaign to help convince 50,000 gay and lesbian cou-ples, or unmarried heterosexual



Assemblywoman Carole Migden

couples over the age of 62, to sign on to the secretary of state's Do-mestic Partners Registry by the end of 2000.

end of 2000.

Since Migden's landmark domestic partnership bill took effect at the beginning of this year, just 1,200 couples have filled out the one-page form, had it notarized, and sent it in together with a \$10 filing fee to the secretary of state's office in Sacramento.

"I can't afford to show my hand now. If I got up on the [As-sembly] floor now, and somebody said, 'How many are registered?'' Migden indicated that 1,200 couples would not be enough.

"I want to make it stronger, but first I need to have people register," the legislator said. "I want a mobi-lization of lesbian and gay groups, of seniors, and of state workers, so

that at the end of the year, we can go back and add to the bill."

"How can we really make an extraordinary difference in 10 months?" she asked about 30 activists she had assembled at the State Building on Golden Gate Avenue to build support for the effort. Attendees responded with

general enthusiasm, and offered various ways that their groups could contribute to the effort. "This sounds like something that would be productive. I think it's great," said Jean Harris, execu-tive director of California Alliance for Prida and Equality a statewide

tive director of California Alliance for Pride and Equality, a statewide gay lobbying group that may take a lead role in the campaign.

Migden described last year's efforts to enact AB26, her domestic partnership bill which passed the 80-member Assembly with a bare majority of 41 votes, as an exercise in "belly crawling."

"It was one of the hardest things we ever did," she said.

Migden had initially hoped for many more benefits than the bill ultimately contained. For same-sex couples, benefits are limited to

couples, benefits are limited to hospital visitation privileges, un-less one of the domestic partners is an employee of the state, and then their partner is entitled to the same health benefits available to a mar-

ried spouse of a state worker.

But now that the registry exists, equal rights advocates see it as a near-empty basket, waiting to be filled with all the benefits of mar-

riage.
"The things in life that matter

come in increments, and then you have to build on these," Migden suggested.

To qualify as domestic partners, couples must share a common residence and agree to be jointly responsible for each other's basic living expenses. They must be adults, unmarried, unrelated by be adults, unmarried, unrelated by blood, and at least 18 years of age. Domestic partners must be same-sex couples, unless both parties are over the age of 62, in which case heterosexuals may register as well.

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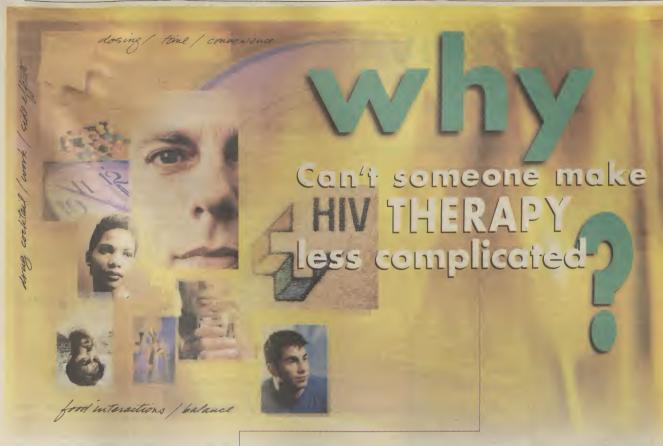


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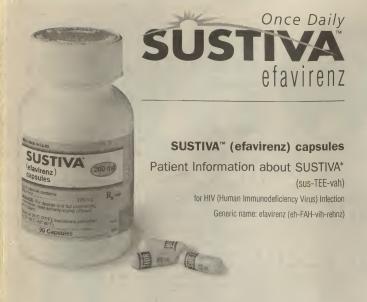
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#### What is SUSTIVA?

SUSTIVA is a medicine used to help treat HIV, the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). SUSTIVA is a type of HIV drug called a "non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor" (NNRTI).

#### **How does SUSTIVA work?**

SUSTIVA works by lowering the amount of HIV in the blood (called "viral load"). SUSTIVA must be taken with other anti-HIV medicines. When taken with other anti-HIV medicines, SUSTIVA has been shown to reduce viral load and increase the number of CD4 cells (a type of immune cell in blood). SUSTIVA may not have these effects in every patient.

#### Does SUSTIVA cure HIV or AIDS?

SUSTIVA is not a cure for HIV or AIDS. People taking SUSTIVA may still develop other infections associated with HIV. Because of this, it is very important that you remain under the care of your doctor.

#### Does SUSTIVA reduce, the risk of passing HIV to others?

SUSTIVA has not been shown to reduce the risk of passing HIV to others. Continue to practice safe sex, and do not use or share dirty needles.

#### How should I take SUSTIVA?

- The dose of SUSTIVA for adults is 600 mg (three 200 mg capsules, taken together) once a day by mouth. The dose of SUSTIVA for children may be lower (see Can children take SUSTIVA?).
- Take SUSTIVA at the same time each day. You should take SUSTIVA at bedtime during the first few
  weeks or if you have side effects, such as dizziness or trouble concentrating (see What are the
  possible side effects of SUSTIVA?).
- Swallow SUSTIVA with water, juice, milk or soda. You may take SUSTIVA with or without meals; however, SUSTIVA should not be taken with a high fat meal.
- Do not miss a dose of SUSTIVA. If you forget to take SUSTIVA, take the missed dose right away.
   If you do miss a dose, do not double the next dose. Carry on with your regular dosing schedule.
   If you need help in planning the best times to take your medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- Take the exact amount of SUSTIVA your doctor prescribes. Never change the dose on your own.
   Do not stop this medicine unless your doctor tells you to stop.
- When your SUSTIVA supply starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy. This is
  very important because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped
  for even a short time. The virus may develop resistance to SUSTIVA and become harder to treat.

#### Can children take SUSTIVA?

Yes, children who are able to swallow capsules can take SUSTIVA. Rash may be a serious problem in some children. Tell your child's doctor right away if you notice rash or any other side effects while your child is taking SUSTIVA. The dose of SUSTIVA for children may be lower than the dose for adults. Capsules containing lower doses of SUSTIVA are available. Your child's doctor will determine the right dose based on your child's weight.

#### Who should not take SUSTIVA?

Do not take SUSTIVA if you are allergic to SUSTIVA or any of its ingredients.

#### What other medical problems or conditions should I discuss with my doctor?

Talk to your doctor right away if you:

- Are pregnant or want to become pregnant
- Are breast-feeding
- · Have problems with your liver, or have had hepatitis
- Start or change any medicine
- Have side effects while taking SUSTIVA (efavirenz)
- · Have a history of mental illness, substance or alcohol abuse

#### What are the possible side effects of SUSTIVA?

Many patients have dizziness, trouble sleeping, drowsiness, trouble concentrating, and/or unusual dreams a few hours after starting treatment with SUSTIVA. These feelings may be less noticeable if you take SUSTIVA at bedtime. They also tend to go away after you've taken the medicine for a few weeks. Rarely, patients have more serious side effects that may affect mood or ability to think clearly. These side effects occur more often in patients with a history of mental illness or substance abuse. Tell your doctor promptly if any of these side effects continue or if they bother you. There is the possibility that these symptoms may be more severe if SUSTIVA is used with alcohol or mood altering (street) drugs. You should avoid driving or operating machinery if you are having these side effects.

One of the most common side effects is rash. These rashes usually go away without any change in treatment. In a small number of patients, rash may be serious. If you develop a rash, call your doctor promptly.

Other common side effects include tiredness, upset stomach, vomiting, and diarrhea. However, this is not a complete list of side effects reported with SUSTIVA when taken with other anti-HIV drugs. Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about side effects. Your doctor can discuss a more complete list of side effects with you.

Please contact your doctor immediately before stopping SUSTIVA because of side effects. Tell your doctor or other healthcare provider if you notice any side effects while taking SUSTIVA.

#### What about birth control, pregnancy, or breast-feeding?

Women should not become pregnant while taking SUSTIVA. Birth defects have been seen in animals treated with SUSTIVA. It is not known whether this could happen in humans. You should use a condom or diaphragm in addition to other methods of birth control while taking SUSTIVA. Inform your doctor immediately if you are pregnant. If you want to become pregnant, talk to your doctor. Do not take SUSTIVA if you are breast-feeding. Talk to your doctor if you are breast-feeding your baby.

#### Can I take other medicines with SUSTIVA?

SUSTIVA may change the effect of other medicines (including ones for HIV). Your doctor may change your medicines or change their doses. For this reason, it is very important to:

- Let all your doctors and pharmacists know that you take SUSTIVA.
- Tell your doctors and pharmacists about all medicines you take. This includes those you buy over-the-counter and herbal or natural remedies.

Bring all your medicines when you see a doctor, or make a list of their names, how much you take, and how often you take them. This will give your doctor a complete picture of the medicines you use. Then he or she can decide the best approach for your situation.

The following medicines may cause serious and life-threatening side effects when taken with SUSTIVA. You should not take any of these medicines while taking SUSTIVA:\*\*

- Hismanal® (astemizole)
- Propulsid® (cisapride)
- Versed® (midazolam)
- Halcion® (triazolam)
- Ergot medications (for example, Wigraine® and Cafergot®)

The following medicines may need to be changed or have their dose changed when taken with SUSTIVA:\*\*

- Crixivan® (indinavir)
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- Biaxin® (clarithromycin)

#### How should I keep SUSTIVA?

SUSTIVA is available as 50 mg, 100 mg, and 200 mg capsules.

Keep SUSTIVA at room temperature (77°F) in the bottle given to you by your pharmacist. The temperature can range from 59°-86°F.

Keep SUSTIVA out of the reach of children.

#### How can I learn more about SUSTIVA?

Talk to your doctor or other healthcare provider if you have questions about either SUSTIVA or HIV. For additional information you can visit the SUSTIVA website at http://www.sustiva.com.

This medicine was prescribed for your particular condition. Do not use it for any other condition or give it to anybody else. Keep SUSTIVA out of the reach of children. If you suspect that more than the prescribed dose of this medicine has been taken, contact your local poison control center or emergency room immediately.

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#### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Dr. Laura

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outside the mainstream of scientific thought ... you have become a leading radio show host while claiming that homosexuality is a biological error," the letter stat-

"We want to make Dr. Laura aware, not to censor her but to challenge her as a mother and a human being. Her words are doing real harm to real people. Slurs turn into harassment and violence. It gets repeated and absorbed by children," said Peter Teague, executive director of the Horizons Foundation. "Our families are no different from other families."

Since her radio show was syndicated in 1994, Dr. Laura's rating have surpassed those of Rush

Limbaugh and Howard Stern. She has become a best-selling author, produces a magazine, and has a daytime television show planned for this fall. Although she has no relevant professional degree, she dispenses "moral health" advice to the millions of people who listen to ber daily

the millions of people who listen to her daily.

Dr. Laura's criticism of gays and lesbians has increased in recent years, as Dr. Laura herself admitted in an interview in the Advocate magazine. She has actively campaigned against adoption and marriage rights for gays, and has made unfounded allegations that gay men pose a threat to children. Following the Vermont Supreme Court decision in December that Court decision in December that stated gay and lesbian couples are entitled to the same benefits as heterosexual married couples, Schlessinger expressed her out-rage at the decision and urged

thousands of listeners to flood the Vermont capital with phone calls against the ruling that were tar-geted at the governor and legisla-tive members.

Horizons' letter encouraged Dr. Laura to follow the example of the Reverend Jerry Falwell, who last year agreed to stop calling gays "deviant" and acknowledged gays "deviant" and acknowledged the connection between homo phobic language and violence against gays and lesbians.

"We're concerned that public commentaries like Dr. Laura Sch-

commentaries like Dr. Laura Sch-lessinger's are teaching otherwise happy and healthy young people to hate themselves," Teague said. GLSEN'S Kirk Bell agreed. "As a teacher for 17 years, I am aware of the power of words," said Bell, GLSEN'S field director for western organizing. "In my work, I've heard hundreds and hun-

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## Migden

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Marriage licenses cost \$54. Migden acknowledged that she and her own partner have not yet registered as domestic partners, though she indicated that they

though she indicated that they will be one of the 50,000 couples to register this year.

"I've been with her for 15 years, and I haven't done it," she told the group. "I said we'll plan it for the spring, when it's not raining."

Potential beneficiaries of the new law because we have seen few.

Potential beneficiaries of the new law, however, may see few immediate advantages to signing up for the state registry, unless they have special concerns about hospital visitation privileges.

Although there are over 200,000 government employees who would be eligible for health benefits if they are in a same-sex

benefits if they are in a same-sex domestic partnership, according to a few state workers at the meet-ing, some fear that because the

registry is not confidential, by

registry is not confidential, by signing up they would be "outing" themselves at work – potentially opening themselves up for discriminatory treatment.

"At some level you have to declare something about yourself and the fact that you are in a domestic partnership," responded Alan LaFaso of Migden's office, adding that workplace discrimination against state workers has been illegal "since the Brown administration."

But beyond simply educating

But beyond simply educating people about the existence of the registry, the main obstacle brought up at the meeting was a simple one: ready access to a notary public.

Sam Thoron of Parents, Fami-Sam Thoron of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays suggested setting up booths at lesbian and gay pride events with a notary public on hand ready to notarize the domestic partnership forms.

"I do think it is important to

greatly expand the number of people registered," said Thoron, treasurer of PFLAG's San Francisco chapter. "This is a game of political football, and if we wanna

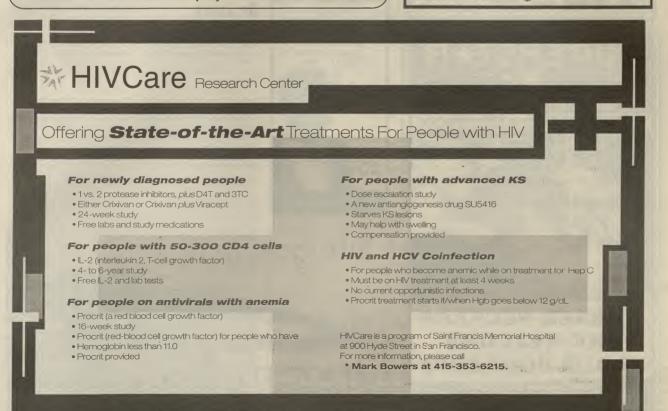
"This is a perfect first project for the infrastructure that we put in place to defeat the Knight initiative," commented San Francisco Supervisor Mark Leno. ▼

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### No on Knight

anti-gay initiatives in California, when voters go to the polling booths on March 7, there could be

booths on March 7, there could be a surprising upset.

"Through the 1980s," commented pollster David Binder, "we saw several cases where ballot propositions, all of which were ahead in the polls prior to the election, and all ended up being defeated."

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defeated."
Yet the recent poll, and a similar San Francisco Examiner/KTVU
Poll released Monday, are not giving the No on Knight campaign

ing the No on Knight campaign any room for comfort. "The fact that this is an uphill battle was always the case," said Tracey Conaty, spokeswoman for No on Knight, while imploring all opponents of the Knight initiative to "do everything they can to get

to "do everything they can to get everyone they know to understand that Proposition 22 will do gay people real harm."

And there's the rub. Win or lose, the No on Knight campaign was faced nearly a year ago with the monumental task of creating a cultural shift in public opinion. During a time of progressive but glacial change in the minds of California voters on the subject of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and translesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans-gender rights, people were not ready to associate a ballot measure that says only straights should be allowed to get married with anti-

gay bigotry.

Conaty acknowledged that previous upset gay victories at the ballot box, including the 1978 Briggs initiative that would have banned gay teachers in California, and later asures that would have mandated names reporting and the possible quarantine of people with AIDS "were much more overtly and severely anti-gay." "Most ballots, if there's any

uncertainty, people tend to stick

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(510) 436-6096 (888) 9 MJB LAW (510) 874-8968 to the status quo, and vote the no position," said Bob Meadow, pres-ident of Decision Research, the company that did the early polling which the No on Knight campaign used to design its central theme: "It's divisive. It's intrusive. It's unfair."

But if ballot measures are too long or complex, Meadow said, people will also tend to vote no.

This time, the gay and lesbian community is fighting a stealth bomb on the ballot. On its face, to the average voter, it's a no-brainer: a simple affirmation of current law, "only marriage between a man or a woman is valid or rec-ognized in California."

It's short, it's simple, and it seems to be sweet.

"They're killing us with their

They re killing us with their kindness," said Conaty.

The difficulty for No on Knight has been to convince voters that Proposition 22 was an attack on gay rights.

tack on gay rights.
"Our struggle in the final days is to look at its symbolic importance," said Meadow, pointing to the way similar laws have been used by conservatives to attack gay rights in other states, in areas of adoption, inheritance, and do-mestic partnership.

Meadow blames the main-Meadow blames the main-stream media for convincing vot-ers that Proposition 22 was "a ref-erendum on gay marriage" by continually referring to it not as the "Knight initiative," but as "the

gay marriage ban."
"Most people still see this as an up or down on gay marriage," said

oppose the Knight initiative," the No on Knight campaign slogan says, but while voters in most polls says, out will evolets in hos pois increasingly favor equal rights for gays and lesbians, same-sex mar-riage remains a bastion of discom-fort for most Californians. And most heterosexual politicians – Al Gore, Gray Davis, Bill Bradley, and Dianne Feinstein – who oppose the Knight initiative have careful-

ly followed in their footsteps.
"The interesting thing is that from our data, people do expect

that gay marriage will be legalized sometime in their lifetimes," Meadow said, suggesting that voters may now be digging in their heels to stop gay marriage as long as they can "as a last ditch thing."

"It's a phenomenon of changing hearts and minds," said San Francisco Supervisor Mark Leno, a member of the No on Knight board of directors. "People have an innate sense that the inequity is wrong, [but] it's a slow process."

On Wednesday, March 1, No on Knight launched a new 30-second television ad.

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No on Knight campaign man-ager Mike Marshall described it as more "hard hitting" than the cam-paign's previous ads, though it is clearly still in line with the cam-paign's long-standing strategy of appealing to yoters' basis sense of appealing to voters' basic sense of "fair-mindedness."

The new ad, called "Intend,"

The new ad, called "Intend," utilizes a single image and an off-screen narrator. Starting from a pin-point and gradually filling the screen, a small band of picketers of Fred Phelps's ilk are shown carrying signs reading, "God Hates Fags," and "Fags Burn in Hell."

"Proposition 22 won't save a single marriage, but it will hurt gay people. Because that's what it is intended to do," says the female voice. "So if you oppose discrimination, vote no on 22. If you don't want gay people to be singled out as second-class citizens, vote no on 22. If you're against intolerance, and anti-gay violence, vote no on on 22. and anti-gay violence, vote no on 22. It's time to say no to harmful, hateful ballot measures. No on 22."

So will voters buy the notion on Tuesday that Proposition 22 is only what it appears to be, a sim-ple 14-word affirmation of motherhood and apple pie?

"This ad is attempting to cut

through all that," said Conaty.

There will be a No on Knight rally this Friday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Yerba Buena Gardens in San Francisco. Fo more information, call (415) 227-1020, or visit www.NoOnKnight.org.

# Dr. Laura

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dreds of stories about youth who were harassed, harmed, and even were harassed, harmed, and even killed. Fortunately, I'm also aware of stories that many children have flourished because of support. "In most schools, educators would be fired for berating and demonizing students," Bell added. Rochelle Campbell, 20, who

used to work on the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center's Talkline, also said she's heard from queer youth. "A lot of the kids are severely depressed because people around them are telling them they are 'wrong.' We're humans like everyone else."

COLAGE's Ryn Gluckman, 21,

face an amazing amount of prejudice," she said. "The problem is the anti-gay prejudice that Dr. Laura puts out there."

Last Wednesday, Schlessinger responded to Horizons' arguments on her program. "I've never made anti-gay commentary. I've made anti-gay activist agenda commentaries, but I've never made anti-gay commentary. You better believe I always consider the impact of my commentaries. the impact of my commentaries, especially on children," Schlessinger stated, according to the Associated Press.

She accused Horizons of tar-

She accused Horizons of tar-geting her because she supports the anti-gay Proposition 22 on the March 7 primary ballot. Teague denied the group was targeting Schlessinger because of Proposition 22.



#### No on 21

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could get the death penalty if convicted of gang-related murder.
Backed largely by law enforcement groups and opposed by organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, California Juvenile Court judges, and the California Council of Churches, Proposition 21 surfaces at a time when juvenile crime has plummeted and prison overcrowding is the status quo. Lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transbians, gays, bisexuals, and trans-genders involved in the No on 21 campaign say that the issue affects the LGBT community profound-ly, and that to ignore it would be a nod to hatred and fear.

This week, in the final days be-fore the election, several events around the state – from a concert by Me'shell Ndegeocello to a youth art exhibit and film festival - will raise awareness and money to defeat Proposition 21. What folto defeat Proposition 21. What follows is a partial listing of Bay Area and nearby No on 21 events; more information can be obtained by contacting No on 21 organizations via telephone or the Internet.

Thursday, March 2
Youth art exhibit. Murals on display from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 2050 Bryant Street (at 18th) and 2961 16th Street (at Mission) in San Francisco. Call Homies Organizing the Mission for Youth Empowerment (HOMEY) at (415) 920-7125 for more information.
Organize to defeat 21 at week-

ly meeting in San Francisco; 1188 Franklin (at Geary), suite 204C, 6 p.m. Refreshments provided.

p.m. Refreshments provided. (415) 409-2681. Phone-banking in Oakland, 548 20th Street, 6-9 p.m. Bobby Seale of the Black Pan-thers speaks on youth activism at the Java House, 3306 Lakeshore Avenue, Oakland, 6 p.m. (510) 836-JAVA.

#### Friday, March 3

Demonstration. Assemble at 3 p.m. in front of Juvenile Hall in San Jose; e-mail action@justice. com for more information.

Film festival. Independent films made by youth and neighborhood residents. Victoria Theater, 2961 16th Street in San Francisco, 6-8 p.m. Call HOMEY for more information.

more information.
Youth organizers speak at 3159
16th Street, San Francisco, 7-9 p.m.
Concert to benefit Schools Not
Jails, featuring Me'shell Ndegeocello, Mos Def, Black Star, and
others. Civic Auditorium in Santa Cruz, 6:30 p.m. Tickets through Ticketmaster at (408) 998-TIXS.

#### Saturday, March 4

Demonstration to defeat 21 and 22 (Limit on Marriages initiative) at Market and Castro in San Francisco, 2-4 p.m. Sponsored by Queers against Propositions 21 & 22. For more information call (415) 273-4665.

East Bay precinct walking, assemble 10 a.m. at Californians for Justice, 1611 Telegraph Avenue on Oakland. Call (510) 444-0484 or (510) 452-2728.

Oldies concert and car show to

highlight positive youth contributions, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in La Raza Park at 25th and Potrero. Call

HOMEY for more information.

Demonstration and march in
Santa Cruz. Call (831) 425-3113.

Spoken word performance fea-turing Just Act, Art and Revolution, Emma Said Dance Project, Com-pany of Prophets. Modern Times Book Store, 888 Valencia (at 20th), San Francisco, 7:30 p.m. For more information call (415) 282-9246.

#### Sunday, March 5

Sacramento concert for juve-Sacramento concert for juvenile justice sponsored by Amnesty International. Over 40 acts per-form in a free, bilingual music fes-tival. Washington Neighborhood Center, 400 16th Street, Sacra-mento, Call (916) 553-4002 for more information

#### Monday, March 6

Join the weekly phone-bank-ing effort in San Francisco from 6-9 p.m. by calling (415) 440-8502, or in the East Bay call (510)

#### Tuesday, March 7

No on 21 victory party at Californians for Justice, 1611 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, 8 p.m.

There are several other events around the state, including regular precinct walking to get the vote out. For Northern California precinct walks, call (415) 452-2728, in Southern California call (213) in Southern California call (213) 747-4495. For a complete listing of statewide No on 21 events, visit www.noprop21.org. For general information about No on Proposition 21 and events, call the campaign to defeat Proposition 21 at (415) 437-4009, Critical Resistance at (510) 444-0484, Californians for Justice at (510) 452-2728, or HOMEY at (415) 920-7125. ▼



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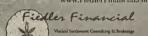
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and gay rights activist who died earlier this year at the age of 44.
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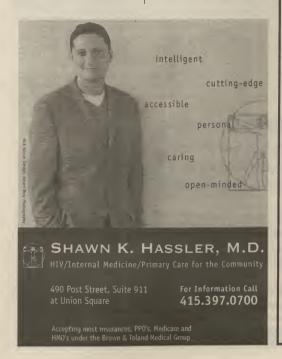
This is the 10th year that scholarships will be given out by PG&E's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Trans-gender Employee Association, in conjunction with the San Francisco and East Bay chapter of the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Network, and "KP Pride," Kaiser Permanente's LGBT employee association.

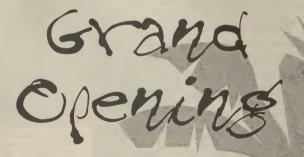
Last year, the groups gave out over \$11,000 in scholarships, mostly to recipients from the Bay

Area.

The application deadline for this year's scholarships is this Monday, March 6. ▼

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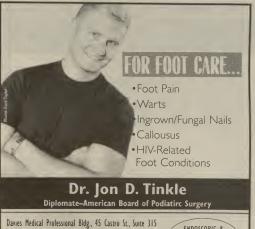
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# What's health worth in the 21st century?

by Bill Snow, ACT UP/ Golden Gate Writers Pool

new vaccine controversy at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention underscores the fact that every health care intervention, no matter how simple or effective, has its cost. For the last 15 years, American Home Products through the vaccine division of its Wyeth-Ay-erst Laboratories has been developing a new vaccine for children. Their vaccine, Prevenar, which

works against seven strains of pneumococcal bacteria, has recently been ap-proved by FDA, and is about to go to mar-

The new vaccine is known as a "conjugate" because it uses an immune stimulating protein carrier that is conju-ACT gated with its sugar-based bacterial cap-sule material so children's imma-

sule material so children's imma-ture immune systems can recog-nize them and provide protec-tion. This way it can prevent in-fections that currently cause scores of deaths and millions of illnesses in the U.S., from menin-gitis, pneumonia, blood poison-ing and ear infections. ing, and ear infections.

A CDC committee must recommend to whom it should be given. American Home Products wants to charge \$232 for a course of four immunizations, which of four immunizations, which CDC believes may be too expensive to provide to all children under 5. So they are considering recommending it only for children under 2, who are most at risk of serious complications. A CDC panel has never before had to consider scaling back its recommended use of a vaccine or drug because of what the Wall Street Journal calls "its unusually high price," and a lot of vaccines in this country are paid for by the government's Vaccines for Children program. The answer to this question will have serious ramifications for vaccine pricing and research, and thus for preventing AIDS and other serious diseases.

AIDS and other serious diseases. Other childhood vaccines are extremely cheap. In fact this vac-cine will cost as much as all 33 doses of the 10 other approved vaccines for children combined. One option will be to only rec-ommend four doses for children under 2 and one dose (\$58) for those 2-5, who are at somewhat

lower risk, but the real issue for the CDC – and for all of us – is what are vaccines, or any other preventive medicine worth? We could bash the company,

we could bash the company, but new vaccines, drugs, medical tests, and procedures are all hard-er to develop, more risky, and re-quire more high technology than they used to. Meanwhile, health has become one-sixth of the U.S. economy and is growing faster than any other part, and pharma-ceuticals are the fastest growing

part of that part.
You also may not have noticed but there is a major consolidation going on in the pharmaceuti-cal industry. Glaxo Well-

come is merging with SmithKline Beecham, to temporarily be-come the world's largest pharmaceutical company with a stock market value of \$186 billion, annual sales over \$25 billion, and a R&D budget of

a R&D buage. more than \$3.6 billion a year. Then Pfizer is merging with Warner Lambert after outbidding American Home Products to create an even larger one. Monsanto

is proposing to merge with Phar-macia & Upjohn, having already digested G.D. Searle. Aventis is a conglomeration of Hoechst, Rhone-Poulenc and DuPont. No-vartis/Syngenta, American Home Products and Astrazenica all have made big mergers and acquisi-tions to create "Life Sciences"

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companies.

The size of these pharmaceu-The size of these pharmaceutical giants is overwhelming, dwarfing the economies of many countries. Drug sales here are estimated to be \$100-120 billion this year, accounting for almost 40 percent of global drug sales. With a growth rate of 12-14 percent per year, the Financial Times saws that provides the U.S. pharsaws that provides the U.S. pharsa says that provides the U.S. pharmaceuticals with "a torrential income stream to reinvest in the

ever more costly business of find-ing new drugs."

One reason is that pharma-ceutical profits are high. But high profits fuel new research and development as well as good returns on investments, 18.5 percent for the industry overall. And market-ing and administrative expenses are often higher than research costs, 28.9 percent. Materials and production only account for about one-third, 34 percent, and taxes are a paltry 7.4 percent, lower than just about any other

industry. (Based on 1997 annual reports of Merck and Pfizer)
In this market, vaccines are a relatively small niche industry that may get gobbled up and lost in the shuffle. The global market for vaccines was estimated to be only \$1.7 billion 10 years ago and it has not risen substantially.

only \$1.7 billion 10 years ago and it has not risen substantially. Drugs give larger profit margins, less liability risk, and patent protection that is easier to maintain. Aside from their traditionally very low prices and absurdly low perceived value, the other reason for the small vaccine market is that 86 percent of the global market for vaccines is in the U.S., Europe, and Japan. Jeffrey Sachs from Harvard, a top academic economist, has been making a convincing case in his papers and convincing case in his papers and in the mainstream press that rich countries must mobilize science to address the specific global problems that keep highly in-debted poor countries at low levdebted poor countries at low levels of economic development. He argues that there is an "ecology of underdevelopment" because populations in the tropics have a much shorter life expectancy, largely because of the heavier disease burden of tropical diseases.

largely because of the heavier dis-ease burden of tropical diseases. Sachs says this is because "global science is directed by the rich countries and for the richrich countries and for the rich-country markets, even to the ex-tent of mobilizing much of the scientific potential of the poorer countries." To redress this imbal-ance, he proposes establishing a Millennium Vaccine Fund to guarantee future markets for malaria, tuberculosis, and AIDS had his ideas are beginning to have in-fluence. In his State of the Union address, President Clinton pro-posed a tax credit to help the developing world buy new vaccines, which was, incidentally, the only thing that got Clinton applause at the global development meeting in Davos last week. Meanwhile, Sachs says, "transnational corporations and rich-country institu-tions are patenting everything from the human genome to rain forest biodiversity. The poor will be ripped off unless some sense and equity are introduced into this runaway process."

In last few months, we've seen

In last few months, we've seen two instances when widespread public opinion and activism has affected multinationals and global trade, for the first time ever. First the demonstrations in Seattle where the World Trade Organization was pressed to consider labor and environmental issues. Second has been the ability of European resisters to get concessions from large food companies about using genetically engineered food. While these memories are fresh, something similar neered food. While these memories are fresh, something similar needs to be done for drugs and vaccines for the developing world. Sachs says, "the current struggle over AIDS medicines in South Africa is but an early warning shot in a much larger struggle over access to the fruits of human knowledge."

Like everything else in the Internet age, health is becoming more of a commodity, and what more of a commodity, and what we get – or don't get – depends on what we can afford. Vaccines ought to be the first truly global market. This vaccine should go to the kids. Vaccines should go to everybody. For that we're rich. Let's save money somewhere else. ▼

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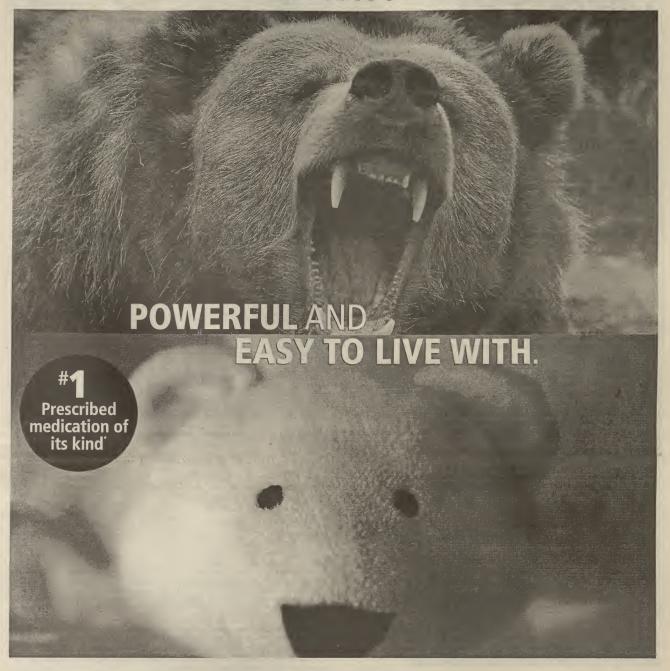
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HIV related medications should not be taken with VIRACEPT. For some people, protease inhibitors have been associated with the onset or worsening of diabetes mellitus

and hyperglycemia, and with increased bleeding in patients with hemophilia.

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#### Information for Patients About VIRACEPT® (VI-ra-cept) Generic Name: nelfinavir (nel-FIN-na-veer) mesylate

#### For the Treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection

Please read this information carefully before taking VIRACEPT. Also, please read this leaflet each time you renew the prescription, just in case anything has changed. This is a summary and not a replacement for a careful discussion with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss VIRACEPT when you start taking this medication and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor's care when taking VIRACEPT and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.

WHAT IS VIRACEPT AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

VIRACEPT is used in the treatment of people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Infection with HIV leads to the destruction of CD4 T cells, which are important to the immune system. After a large number of CD4 cells have been destroyed, the infected person develops acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

VIRACEPT works by blocking HIV protease (a protein-cutting enzyme), which is required for HIV or multiply. VIRACEPT has been shown to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood. You should be aware, however, that the effect of VIRACEPT on HIV in the blood has not been correlated with long-term health benefits. Patients who took VIRACEPT also had significant increases in their CD4 cell count.

VIRACEPT is usually taken together with other antiretroviral drugs such as Retrovir® (zidovudine, ATI, poivr® (lamivudine, 3TC), or Zerir® (stavudine, 44T). Taking VIRACEPT in combination with other antiretroviral drugs reduces the amount of HIV in the body (viral load) and raises CD4 counts.

VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

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VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of VIRACEPT are not known at this time. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

It is not known whether VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that may occur.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

Allergies: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

If you are pregnant: The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

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If you are breast-feeding: You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.

Children: VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT oral Powder should be prepared.

If you have liver disease: VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

Other medical problems: Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

CAN VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

- Drugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:
  Seldane" (terfenadine, for allergies)
  Hismanal" (astemizole, for allergies)
  Propulsid" (cisapride, for heartburn)
  Cordarone" (amiodarone, for irregular heartbeat)
  Culindine (for irregular heartbeat), also known as Quinaglute", Cardioquin", Quinidex", and ethers
  Ergot derivatives (Cafergot" and others, for migraine headache)
  Halcion" (firazolam)
  Versed" (midazolam)
  Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.
  Rifampin (for tuberculosis), also known as Rimactane", Rifadin", Rifater", or Rifamate®
  This drug reduces blood levels of VIRACEPT.

Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with:
Mycobutin® (rifabutin, for MAC); you will need to take a lower dose of Mycobutin

## A change of therapy should be considered if you are taking VIRACEPT with:

Phenobarbital
Phenotarbital
Phenotarbital
Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)
Carbamazepine (Tegretol® and others)
These agents may reduce the amount of VIRACEPT in your blood and make it less effective.
Oral contraceptives ("the pill")
If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER ANTI-HIV DRUGS?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken it. I will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food. Nucleoside analogues: No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

Retrovir (zidovudine, AZT)

Zerit (stavudine, d4T)

Videx\* (dianosine, dd1)

If you are taking both Videx (dd1) and VIRACEPT: Videx should be taken without food, on an empty stomach. Therefore, you should take VIRACEPT with food one hour after or more than two hours before you take Videx.

you take Videx.

Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs):
When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Viramune® (nevirapine)
The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be reduced. Studies are now taking place to learn about the safety of combining VIRACEPT with Viramune.

Other NNRTIs
VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

Other protease inhibitors: When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

Crixivan® (indinavir)

The amount of both drugs in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

Noviri\*\* (ironavir)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

Invirase® (saquinavir)

The amount of saquinavir in your blood may be increased. If used in combination with saquinavir hard gelatin capsules at 600 mg three times daily, no dose adjustments are needed. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® -0 (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include abdominal pain, asthenia, nausea, flatulence, and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. The light blue VIRACEPT Tablets should be taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack. You do not have to take VIRACEPT exactly every 8 hours. Instead, you can take it at normal times when you are eating.

Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.

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Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label. The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, you should not miss any doses. However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)
The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 through 13 years of age

The VIRACEPT dose in children depends on their weight. The recommended dose is 20 to 30 mg/kg (or
9 to 14 mg/pound) per dose, taken three times daily with a meal or light snack. This can be administered
either in tablet form or, in children unable to take tablets, as VIRACEPT Oral Powder.
Dose instructions will be provided by the child's doctor. The dose will be given three times daily using the
measuring scoop provided, a measuring teaspoon, or one or more tablets depending on the weight and
age of the child. The amount of oral powder or tablets to be given to a child is described in the chart below.

#### Pediatric Dose to Be Administered Three Times Daily

Body Weigh	nt	Number of Level	Number of Level	Number
Kg	Lb	Scoops*	Teaspoons*	Tablets
7 to < 8	8.5 15.5 to <18.5	4	1	-
8.5 to <10	0.5 18.5 to <23	5	11/4	
10.5 to <13	2 23 to <26.5	6	11/2	
12 to <14	4 26.5 to <31	7	13/4	
14 to <10	5 31 to <35	8	2 .	-
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	21/4	
18 to <2.	3 39.5 to <50.5	10	21/2	2
≥23	3 ≥50.5	15	33/4	3

In measuring oral powder, the scoop or teaspoon should be level.

\* 1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

† 1 level teaspoon contains 200 mg of VIRACEPT. Note: A measuring teaspoon used for dispensing medication should be used for measuring VIRACEPT Oral Powder. Ask your pharmacist to make sure you have a medication dispensing teaspoon.

How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

The oral powder may be mixed with a small amount of water, milk, formula, soy formula, soy milk, dietary supplements, or dairy foods such as pudding or ice cream. Once mixed, the entire amount must be taken to obtain the full dose.

Do not mix the powder with any acidic food or juice, such as orange or grapefruit juice, apple juice, or apple sauce, because this may create a bitter taste.

Once the powder is mixed, it may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated for up to 6 hours. Do not heat the mixed dose once it has been prepared.

Do not add water to bottles of oral powder.

VIRACEPT powder is supplied with a scoop for measuring. For help in determining the exact dose of powder for your child, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains aspartame, a low-calorie sweetener, and therefore should not be taken by children with phenylketonuria (PKU).

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE STORED?

Keep VIRACEPT and all other medicines out of the reach of children. Keep bottle closed and store at room temperature (between 59°F and 86°F) away from sources of moisture such as a sink or other damp place. Heat and moisture may reduce the effectiveness of VIRACEPT.

Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

Discuss all questions about your health with your doctor. If you have questions about VIRACEPT or any other medication you are taking, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You can also call 1.888.VIRACEPT (1.888.847.2237) toll free.

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Deadline for obituaries is Monday at 5 p.m., with the exception of special display ad obituaries, which must be submitted by Friday at 3 p.m.

#### Michael Gawenda



bia on January 12, 1962, Michael Gawenda left the

Gawenda left the conscious world as we know it on January 21, 2000 after a long and hard battle gainst AIDS. He leaves behind both of his loving parents, his brother and sister-in-law, a nephew, many friends, co-workers, and business associates; and Iwouldn't leave out his most beloved golden retriever Murphy. Michael moved to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1984 to manage the USA office of his family's business, Michael will be remembered for his hard work and dedication to his family's business, and his love for decorating (and redecorating) his home. Michael was happiest spending time with friends, sharing a nice meal and bottle of wine. He had a strong will and always lived his life as he wanted, although at times against the advice of doctors, family or friends. For those who loved, cared for, and admired Michael, he will not be forgotten and his spirit will live on in our hearts.

Jason L. Gaber



Jason Lee Gaber, rabbi, educator, so-cial worker and cial worker and spiritual guide passed away on Feb-ruary 17, 2000 at age 42, after suc-cumbing to AIDS. He leaves behind

He leaves behim him his parents, Louis and Anita Gaber, sisters Rochelle and Renee, brother Robert, nephew Seth, niece Lisa and many, many close friends and colleagues

o will miss him tremendously. Jason made San Francisco his home

in 1980 and was very involved in the Jewish community here. His greatest contribution was during his 14 years of dedicated work for the Jewish Community Center (1981-1994), where he eventually rose to the level of assistant executive director, overseeing huge budgets and many varied social and cultural programs.

gets and many varied social and cultural programs.

Jason's academic achievements began with his graduation from the Lubavitch Yeshiva in Brookline, Mass. in 1974; continued with his BS in Education from Northeastern University in Boston, Mass., magnum cum laude, in 1979; his MSW degree from San Francisco State University in 1981, majoring in developmental enhancement; and finally his rabbitical ordination in 1995 by Rabbi Zalman Shachter of the Jewish Renewal Movement. Even in his last days, Jason was in the process of studying to become a certified chaplain at Mt. Zion hospital in San Francisco.

Jason was buried at Ohel Jacob cemetery in Woburn, Mass. on February 20, 2000. A memorial service in celebration of his life will take place on Sunday, March 26, 2000 at 2 p.m. at the JCC at California and Presidio streets in San Francisco. Everyone is welcome.

James Anthony Hartzfield February 25, 2000



Known simply as Anthony to his friends, he passed away at home early Friday morning after a brief illness. Born in San Fran-cisco, he was a life-time resident of the

most of his years in San Francisco. Anthony is survived by his companion of nearly seven years, David Bell, and the dozens of members of his extended family. Anthony was known to a multitude and had the love

known to a multitude and had the love to make each person he knew feel special. His absence will be deeply felt by all. Anthony, you were loved by many but none more than I, and none will miss you. I most you gave me purpose and rich memories. I love you, I miss you, I wish you love and happiness where you are now — David.

A remembrance will be held to honor his life and gift to us on Saturday, March 11, 2000 at 11 a.m. at the fountain in Strybing Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Golden Gate Park.
Contributions to the Larkin Street Youth Center "In Memory of James Anthony Hartzfield" in lieu of flowers or other memorials is suggested.

Henry (Hank) Tavera

Hank Tavera died on February 27, 2000 at the age of 56. He was a Chicano gay activist, cultural worker and archivist, and worked at the front line of the AIDS epidemic at San Francisco City Clinic as an HIV/STD intervention specialist.



Originally from East Los Angeles, he lived in San Fran-cisco's Mission Dis-trict since 1979 with his domestic partner of 23 years. Among his many achievements: he was co-founder of LLEGO California O, two organizations

was co-founder of LLEGO California and National LLEGO, two organizations whose purpose is to empower Latino LGBT communities, he co-authored the Multicultural Plan for Dignity/San Francisco, he was a voting delegate to LIFE (California's LGBT and AIDS lobby in Sacramento); he was a director of several Latino plays and Artistic Director of the AIDS Theater Festival each year as part of the National AIDS Update Conference.

Hank was known and beloved by his many friends and colleagues and all the folick-whose lives he touched through his work. He leaves his two children, Cecilia and Mario; his granddaughter Alexa; his parents Henry and Stella; sisters Lucille and Teress; domestic partner Kehau; gay brothers Gene and John, and soul mate Vladimir.

A memorial service for Hank will take place Saturday, March 4, at 7th Avenue Presbyterian (between Irving and Judah streets) in San Francisco. Viewing will take place 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and mass from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Len Weise

#### Len Weise



Len Weise, 41, of San Francisco died unexpectedly on February 15, 2000.

He received a Bachelor of Communications from the University of Texas at Austin. At the time of his death, Len was Senior Vice President of Shugart Matson Young Marketing Communications in San Ramon. He was the Board of Directors Chairperson of the National AIDS Memorial Grove. The work of the grove was his passion. Len also was one of 75 selected for "Leadership San Francisco, 'sponsored by the San Francisco, 'sponsored by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Foundation to cultivate business and civic leaders in the Bay Area. Len also was an active member of Old-St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. Len was truly spiritual and gifted He was loved and respected by all that came to know him.

Len is survived by his mother, brother, and a host of other family members and friends.
"A Tribute to Len Weise" will be held in the National AIDS Memorial Grove in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, March 4, 2000 at 11 a.m.

The National AIDS Memorial Grove, San Francisco, and the University of Texas at Austin Len Weise Scholarship Fund are the requested recipients for memorials in Len's honor.

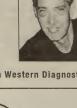
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#### McCain sex marriage." "I understood the question to be as to whether I would vote to ◆ page 1

Proposition 22, which is ahead Proposition 22, which is ahead in recent polls, defines marriage as being only between a man and a woman. It was authored by homophobic state Senator Pete Knight (R-Palmdale). Current state law does not allow couples of the same sex to marry. the same sex to marry.

the same sex to marry.

"He was asked about the antigay ballot measure by a student in a town hall meeting," Ivers told the Bay Area Reporter. Initially, McCain said he would not vote for it. "About an hour later, as he was going onto the [campaign] bus, an Associated Press reported shouted, 'Do you realize you just supported same-sex marriage?'"

After the town hall meeting at

After the town hall meeting at California State University, Sacramento, McCain arrived at the news conference with Golding and other state Republican leaders, and McCain corrected him-self. "Someone who was there said you could see the look on Gold-ing's face drop. McCain clarified his statement and flipped it," Ivers said.

The senator said he would "vote yes" on the measure if he were a California voter, adding that "this is consistent with my position in opposition to same-

be as to whether I would vote to legalize gay marriage. I would not and I would vote for Proposition 22," the Associated Press reported McCain as saying. "I'm not familiar with as many of the propositions here in California as perhaps I should be ... I will be well versed in all of those propositions as we go through the campaign."

"We have a profound disagreement with Senator McCain on this issue and it appears that he is

ment with Senator McCain on this issue and it appears that he is misinformed on Proposition 22," said Rich Tafel, executive director of Log Cabin Republicans. "Mayor Golding and a number of leading Republicans have the same position on same-sex marriage as Senator McCain, and they oppose Proposition 22. We wish he would have taken their lead on

this divisive issue.

"Senator McCain's winning majorities until now have been made up of the kind of people who would oppose gratuitous gay-bashing," Tafel added. "Fur-thermore, he stayed out of the divisive issue of the Confederate flag visive issue of the Confederate flag in South Carolina. I think this was a mistake, not reflective of the kind of majority he wants to build, and we hope he will address

it further."
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Mark Leno, one of the leaders
against Proposition 22, told the
B.A.R. that he wasn't surprised by
McCain's position. "It is consistent with his extreme right-wing
Senate voting record," Leno said,
"but I am very disappointed because as a true Republican, he
should support less – not more –
government in private lives."
Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, also was critical

bian Task Force, also was critical of McCain. "We are distressed that our lives as gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, and transgendered people are once again being used as fodare once again being used as fod-der by a right-wing politician's campaign," Lobel said. "John Mc-Cain calls himself a Reagan Re-publican. But it was Ronald Rea-gan who actively opposed the anti-gay and lesbian Briggs ini-tiative back in 1978. Real Reagan Republicans don't believe in gov-ernment intrusion into our priernment intrusion into our pri-

Texas Governor George W. Bush, the other leading Republican presidential candidate, declined to take a position on Proposition 22, saying it was a state issue; Bush also took that position on the Confederate flag in South Carolina.



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# Make me out at the ball game

by Jim Provenzano

ray for sunshine this week-end. It's softball season. Gay softballers had their Gay softballers had their hugely successful bowling benefit and sign-up February 19, where hundreds of players knocked down pins at Japantown Bowl. Now they're suiting up and getting ready to swing and slide.

Al Lorenzen, treasurer, between busily filling out rosters at the recent event, said that proceeds for the "at least" ninth an-

and lane fees, and "made probably a couple of thousand dollars more for the league." According to Rich Law, GSL assistant commissioner, the Japantown event raised over

the Japantown event raised over \$1,200 for the league. The San Francisco Gay Softball League is part of NAGAAA, the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance. Lorenzen esti-mates there are 52 leagues in the U.S., with many other non-NA-GAAA team around the country. GAAA teams around the country and the world. "We have 35 teams this year,"

he said. "In our open division with men and women, we have 21

teams."

Some of the top contenders are sponsored by local favorite gay bars such as Moby Dick, the Lone Star, the Stud, the Pendulum and Uncle Bert's. Although most teams are bar-sponsored, a few have local non-beverage-serving companies for essential monetary support.

for essential monetary support.

Bernadette Escue is not only on the board of NAGAAA, but a on the board of NAGAAA, but a coach of Bruno's Blazers, sponsored by the East Bay's Bruno Consulting Services. Escue is that team's coach. She also played third base for many years, but prefers to focus on coaching this season. "It's just too hard to play and manage at the same time," she said. "If you do both, you don't do either one well.

"I've been in the league eight years," Escue said. "It started out in

years," Escue said. "I started out in Open Division. This is my third year in the Women's Division."

Sponsorship can mean "a lot of money for a small company," she explained.

Costs include "a sponso fee so they can play in the league. They also pay for the uniforms. Some sponsors are different than others, and pay for tourna-ment play, for the teams to travel to cities like Seattle, San Diego, or Phoenix."

2001: A base odyssey

Last year's gay soft-ball world series, held in Kansas City, proved successful for several Bay Area teams. This year's World Series will be in Toronto in August, and of course, the fabulous 25th anniversary in

2001 will be back where it all began, San Francisco. A number of festive celebrations are planned

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"I'm really psyched about this year because we've got so many new players coming into the league," said Lewinstein. "It's making the league grow. It's also a build-up for the 25th anniversary World Series. Since gay softball basically started here in San Francisco, that's the biggest mainstream sports that happened for gay people. And out of that came bowling, and the Gay Games," she said, offering a sort of genealogy of queer sports. "It's genealogy of queer sports. "It's

Sarah Lewinstein, GSL com-missioner, and notoriously affable

hostess to many sports events at the Albion House,

strikes and sets.
"I'm really psyched about

was extra excited for the new season, and talked between rounds of

nice to have a continuance, to remember your parents, where you came from, and the history, or the herstory, the vision, for all of us."

Some of last year's hot stars re-

laxed between bowling. Raymond Evans noted the many cities he hopes his team will travel to for competitions. "Los Angeles,

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"Every time I see Patrick Ewing take the charge by placing his body in front of a 6 feet 9 inch, 240 pound forward going full speed for the basket, I want to hug him in admiration." – Bill Bradley, former New York Knick. Vote March 7.

# This year's GSL teams

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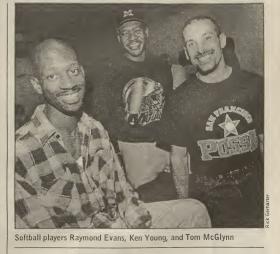
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### **Club Universe**

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Universe, were featured last September in a front page article in the B.A.R. detailing the club's efforts to curb illegal drug use.

Joseph said her club has been victimized by people who irresponsibly use drugs before coming to the club. She said club personnel routinely do pat downs of people entering the club and carefully monitor the crowd to make sure no one uses drugs inside.

Joseph is concerned that all the recent problems at the club may force her to close. "If I go out of business, that means 72 people will lose their jobs," Joseph said. "Most of those people are full

will lose their jobs," Joseph said.
"Most of those people are full

time. What other club is going to give them a 401K plan and health insurance? We have paid some of our employees with AIDS up until the day they died." Joseph also cited numerous fundraising bene-fits her club has hosted that will

Its her club has hosted that will lose out if her club is shut down.

The San Francisco Medical Examiner, Dr. Boyd Stephens, said it would be several weeks before the cause of Goring's death is determined. Goring's friends say he didn't use drugs and suffered from asthma. Stephens said although astima. Stephens said attituding Goring wasn't wheezing before he died, asthma could not be ruled out as a cause of death. Stephens told the B.A.R. it would be impossible to know whether anything could have been done to save Gor-ing's life until his cause of death is known. Without judging the Club Universe incident directly, Stephens said it's always best to call

911 before beginning CPR, and in general, accident victims who may be suffering from traumatic injuries should not be moved.

Goring was buried last week in San Jose. "He was my best friend," said Cohen. "I'm totally crushed. "He had an unbelievable amount of friends. He did volunteer work. He got up at 5 a.m. every morning to take care of Robert, his roommate [who is disabled]," said Cohen.

abled]," said Cohen.
Goring is survived by his mother and brother who live in Los Angeles, his stepmother and stepsisters in Oakland, and grandparents in San Francisco, accord-

parents in San Francisco, according to Cohen.

"He had one philosophy in life," said Cohen. "Despite what he had to go through from being both gay and African American, he always believed there was good in everyone."

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Chicago, Boston; those are some

Chicago, Boston; those are some of the top contenders. The World Series is very competitive."

"They've got some good teams from Minnesota, from Texas and Atlanta," said Ken Young, who plays for the Club Rendezvous Hitmen.

Tom McGlynn coaches the Hard Drive and plays for The

Hard Drive and plays for The Posse. How does he do it? "Time management!"

management:
They've played for about four
years and usually practice at Rossi
Field or Potrero Hill Field. They
also hope to go to Sydney for Gay
Games VI.

McGlynn said his team practices "either on a weekday after work, if people can do that, or Saturdays."

McGlynn's team, The Posse, was team champion at last year's World Series in the C Division. One difference that the gay and

One difference that the gay and lesbian leagues have is that some teams are co-gender, including The Hard Drive, which has three women on this year's team.

In previous years in city divisions, gay teams have a proud history of defeating police, firemen and teams formed by predominantly non-gay players. "They're going to hopefully put something like that together for Opening Day," said McGlynn.

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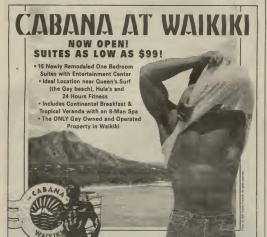


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STATEMENT FILE NO.238390 STATEMENT FILE NO.238390
The following person(s) are doing business as, Adgile Interactive Media/ Adgile Media. 344 Utah Street, San Francisco. Ca. 94103. This business is conducted by a limited liability company signed Jeff Ames. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on N/A. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the Clty and County of San Francisco, CA on 02/10/2000. FEB. 17, 24, MAR. 2, 9, 2000

STATEMENT FILE NO.238322 STATEMENT FILE NO.238322
The following person(s) are doing business as, Floor Pros. 128 Mangels Avenue, San Francisco, Ca. 94313. This business is conducted by an Individual signed Jason Mai. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on N/A. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco. Ca. on 02/08/2001

Francisco, CA on 02/08/2000. FEB. 17, 24, MAR. 2, 9, 2000

STATEMENT FILE NO.238253
The following person(s) are doing business as, Pizzetta, 211 23rd Avenue, San Francisco, Ca. 94121. This business Is conducted by a general partnership signed Tamar Belle Peltz and Alexandria Ramsey. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on NA. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 02/04/2000. CA on 02/04/2000. FEB. 17, 24, MAR. 2, 9, 2000

STATEMENT FILE NO.238525 The following person(s) are doing business as, Remain.com, Remain.com Technical Support. 582 Market Street, Suite 211, San Francisco, Ca. 94104. This business is conducted by a corporation signed Stewart McKenzie. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictilities business name or names on fictitious business name or names on 01/01/2000. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of the City and San Francisco, CA on 02/15/2000. FEB. 24, MAR. 2, 9, 16, 2000

STATEMENT FILE NO.238492 STATEMENT FILE NO.238492
The following PerIsLE NO.238492
The following person(s) are doing business as, Free As A Bird, 3620 Wawona Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94116. This business is conducted by an individual signed Jeffrey M. Fletcher. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on N/A. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Paracisco. Ca. 00.7014/2000 Francisco, CA on 02/14/2000. FEB. 24, MAR. 2, 9, 16, 2000

STATEMENT FILE NO.238549 STATEMENT FILE ND.238549
The following person(s) are doing business as, Yuly Vilderman, D.D.S., Metro Dental Group, Inc. 2233 Post Street. #102 San Francisco, Ca. 94115. This business is conducted by a corporation signed Yuly Vilderman. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 205/00. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, Ca on 0216/2000.
FEB. 24, MAR. 2, 9, 16, 2000

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF 309921. In the Matter of the Application of Maria Del Rosario Gohmann For Change of Name. The application of Maria Del Rosario Gohmann For Change of name, and the superior of the State of Change of Name. The application of Maria Del Rosario Gohmann has filed an application proposing that her name be changed to Sharon Krizia Bragayrac. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 13th day of April, 2000, at 9-00am, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted. for change of name should not be granted. FEB. 24, MAR. 2, 9,16, 2000

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME: 0224650

NAME: 0224650
The following person have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name known as Coochi Gri. Located at 266 Richland Avenue, San Francisco, Ca. 94110. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of San Francisco on: 8/3/98. This business was conducted by: A general partnership signed Traci FEB. 24, MAR. 2, 9, 16, 2000

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME: 0215068-00
The following person have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name known as Remain.com, Remain.com Technical Support. Located at: 21 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco, Ca. 94111. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in the County of San Francisco on: 6/23/97. This business was conducted by: An Individual signed Stewart McKenzie. An individual signed Stewart McKenzie FEB. 24, MAR. 2, 9, 16, 2000

STATEMENT FILE NO.238689

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The following person(s) are doing business as, Leather Gloves Online. 969 Page Street San Francisco, Ca. 94117. This business Is conducted by a corporation signed Ronald J. Gregoire, President. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on N/A. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 02222/2000.
FEB. MAR. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2000

STATEMENT FILE NO.238791

The following person(s) are doing business as, Wayr Footprints, Inc. 3961 24th Street San Francisco, Ca. 9414. This business is conducted by a corporation signed Susan D. Lytle, CEO. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed 2/25/2000. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 02/22/2000. FEB. MAR. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2000

STATEMENT FILE NO.238688 STATEMENT FILE NO.238688
The following person(s) are doing business as, Netsure, Net Investigator. 101 Hyde
Street #425735, San Francisco, Ca.
94142. This business is conducted by an individual signed Timothy Joshua Paine.
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on N/A. The statement was filed with the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 02/22/2000. FEB. MAR. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2000

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE: NUMBER: 273211

To all helrs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Margare Edwards. A petition for probate has been filed by Olive F. Bauer, in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco. 400 McAllister Street Rm 204, SF, Ca. 94102-4514. The petition for probate requests that: Olive F. Bauer be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. Will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. The petition requests tauthority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. The independent administrationauthority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition will be held on: 3/13/000 time: 9:30am at: Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Ca. 94102.If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing, Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice form is available from the clerk. Attorney or petitioner: Joan M. Waish, 777 Alvarado Rd. Ste. 515 La Mesa, Ca. 31912 FEB. 24, MAR. 2, 9, 2000

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO. NO. 310255 In the Matter of the Application of Leopoldo John Lopez. For Change of Name, The application of Leopoldo John Lopez for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that Leopoldo John Lopez has filed an application proposing that his name be changed to John Adam Res. Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 27th day of April, 2000, at 9,000 c'clock am, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted. It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the Bay Area Reporter a newpaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the day of said hearing. MAR. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2000 weeks prior to the day of said MAR. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2000

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO. NO. NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO. NO. NOT AVAILABLE In the Matter of the Application of Henry Gaylord Buckingham Jr. a.k.a. Henry Gaylord Buckingham, 111. For Change of Name, The application of Henry Gaylord Buckingham, 112. For Change of Name, having been filed In Court, and It appearing from said application that Henry Gaylord Buckingham, J11. For change of name, having been filed In Court, and It appearing from said application that Henry Gaylord Buckingham, J11. Thas filed an application proposing that his name(s) be changed to Henry Michael Buckingham, Now, therefore, it Is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested In said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 24th day of April, 2000, at 9:00 o'clock am, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted. It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published in the Bay Area Reporter a newpaper of general circulation, printed in said county, at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the day of said hearing.

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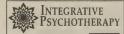
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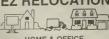


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# by Roberto Friedman and Lizzy Love

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All those neo-Bugs puttering around make us glad there's a new book out about the classic VW Beetle, called My Bug (edited by Michael J. Rosen; from Artisan). Mostly it's filled with Beetle trivia and nostalgia ("Remember waking up after a snooze in the backseat, and seeing the waffle pattern of the upholstery on your face?"), but the book does include an arousing little anecdote about Pop artist Andy Warhol manked the SFK own felor el authar Armistead Maupin. To win

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# 88 reasons why

ACT's '2 Pianos, 4 Hands'

by Richard Dodds

ext door to the Geary Theatre, where 2 Pianos, 4
Hands opened last week,
Rob Becker was holding forth at the Curran in Defending the Cave

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Becker's one-man show that clumsily seeks to celebrate the differences between men and women (women use the TV remote control to graze; men use it to kill) is based on his own experiences. But after a long run in New York, when he passed the role on to a TV actor who had to be a more accomplished performer, it didn't work. You forgive a lot when folks are telling their own stories.

own stories.

Which brings us back to 2 Pianos, 4 Hands. This revue-like reminiscence of two child piano prodigies was created and originally performed by Ted Dykstra and Richard Greenblatt. Based on their experiences as budding musicians that ended in resigned disappointment, the simplicitic materials. appointment, the simplistic mate-

rial probably possessed an ingra-tiating sincerity in their hands. But in ACT's production, Dyk-stra and Greenblatt's roles — still named for their creators — have been filled by a pair of actor-pi-anists who may well be superior performers to the original duo. But it's not their story, and for me at least, a redeeming resonance is at least, a redeeming resonance is lost in this version, directed by Dykstra. When Jean Marchand and Gregory Charles, as Richard and Ted, ruminate bittersweetly over what might have been, it is performance at a remove from the personal stories that provided the

personal stories that provided the emotional inspiration.

Marchand and Charles are indeed ingratiating performers, with the edge going to the shiny-domed Marchand for his ability to create sparks with the characters he plays. Both performers play themselves from ages 7 and up, as well as each other's parents and teachers. They must also play the piano at various levels of skill, from childhood poundings to a from childhood poundings to a metronome to near-concert hall standards. This they accomplish



Gregory Charles and Jean Marchand in ACT's 2 Pianos, 4 Hands

We mostly hear bits and pieces of music by such classical masters as Beethoven, Mozart, Brahms, and Chopin. But Billy Joel, Hoagy Carmichael, and Rodgers and Hart also make appearances. It's the words, not the music, that don't go deep enough. In its amiable way, 2 Pianos, 4 Hands tells us a story we already know. ▼

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# Scam artists

# 'Alchemist' at Berkeley Rep

by Richard Dodds

f Ben Jonson were alive today. he'd be writing for The Simp-sons. The use of broadly drawn characters and situations disguis-ing a subversive social satire lets The Simpsons get away with murder, and probably helped keep Jonson out of trouble.

Jonson out of trouble.

One of Jonson's earlier plays did land him in jail for "popery and treason," but by the time of Volpone (1605) and The Alchemist (1610), he knew how to play the game. Unlike Shakespeare, who acted in one of Jonson's early plays, Jonson was more interested in the absurdities of everyday life in the absurdities of everyday life than in historical dramas and

than in historical dramas and magical romances.

But like the South Park movie (to swap animated analogies), what works in short doses can wear thin when stretched out. Although Joan Holden's adaptation reduces the running time at Berkeley Rep to a little over two hours the frantic energies can tax. hours, the frantic energies can tax patience by the end. As the character known as Face

says, "One invention more and my brain would burst."

brain would burst."
Face is also known as Jeremy, a humble butler when his master is in residence, but who uses the house for a series of elaborate scams during his absence. He is abetted by Subtle, impersonating a doctor who can predict the future and turn scrap-metal into gold, and by Dol Common, a wench of easy virtue who helps snare the trio's pigeons.

After a dry start, director Tony Taccone's production gets cranked up in merry fashion as the scoundrels feverishly juggle their victims, culminating in the

their victims, culminating in the arrivals of an undercover agent seeking to expose them and by the early return of the home's owner. What brings the most delight is what a collection of veteran character actors can make of Jonson at

Berkeley Rep.
Sharon Lockwood, crossdressing for the role of Subtle, uses refreshing subtlety in her finely etched characterization of the nonsense-spouting conjure man. It is an unusually subdued Geoff Hoyle who plays Face, who puts on a different face for each of his victims. Audrey Ann Smith, as Dol Common, comically connects

the chops for this kind of farce.

It is in the supporting roles that Jonson's cartoon renderings find their outlandish life. At the

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S.J. LeMay in The Alchemist

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# A soulmate wavelength

# Two couples in SF Ballet's 'Giselle'

by Stephanie von Buchau

an Francisco Ballet revived an Francisco Ballet revived Helgi Tomasson's Giselle last week. With seven perfor-mances crammed into six days, the predictable result was a week the predictable result was a week of injuries, hyperbole, unannounced cast changes and, occasionally, some truly great dancing. I wish I'd been able to see all the casts, but laundry, sleep and a leaking roof interfered. Still, I saw two couples that told me a lot about the current state of SFB.

Why do ballet directors cast opening nights, when the critics are there, with dancers who are not necessarily ideal? Michael Smuin did it all the time; smart fans learned to attend the second

Smuin did it all the time; smart fans learned to attend the second night. Tomasson does it, too. His original Swan Lake, Romeo and Juliet, Giselle and Prodigal Son casts were not ideal. (The exception is his Sleeping Beauty, at which Evelyn Cisneros gave the

performance of a lifetime. True, she never matched it again, but neither did anyone else.)

Last season, Tomasson cast Lucia Lacarra as the opening night Giselle. The young Spanish dancer is sensational in modern ballet, and someday she may even be a first-rate Giselle. Yet last season she was clearly overparted. son she was clearly overparted, lacking line, stamina and the natlacking line, stamina and the nat-ural, innocent quality crucial to Giselle's first-act mad scene. So when Lacarra showed up again on this year's opening night, I went the second night instead. We were supposed to get Joanna Berman and Pierre-François Vilanoba,

dream. He's sweet-tempered, handsome, shy. How could he be a deceiver with those clear blue eyes and that noble posture? So she falls very hard, and when she is betrayed, the pain is too much to live with. Thursday night's Giselle, Tina LeBlanc, did all the right things in Act One, but I didn't believe her the way I believed Tan. LeBlanc is a gorgeous dancer, SFB's most ripe, secure technician and musical artist. Yet LeBlanc is obviously a mature woman, and she worked very hard to achieve the simplicity and innocence that Tan owns by virtue of her youth and relative inexperience. Tan's



Tina LeBlanc as Giselle and Roman Rykine as Albrecht in Giselle

who had burned up the boards last season, but bad luck struck again, and Vilanoba was injured. So we saw Yuan Yuan Tan and

Vadim Solomakha, whose Giselle last season had been remote and tentative. No more. He's fully retentauve. No more, ries fully re-covered from a foot injury, and she's got more confidence, yet re-mains vulnerable and touching. They are possibly the most "be-lievable" Giselle couple I've ever lievable" Giselle couple I've ever seen, in terms of physical de-meanor. Smooth and elegant, with thighs to die for, Solo-makha's Albrecht is not a heavy-breathing seducer like Yuri Pos-sokhov (also out with injury), a slick operator like Roman Rykine, or even a happily oversexed young aristo like Vilanoba. Solomakha's Albrecht may be rich and powerful, but he's a dreamer, and when he gets tired of his bitchy fiancée, he skips off to the countryside to find the perfect flower. The ques-tion is, will he actually pluck it, or just inhale its perfume?

#### Out of this world

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If you go to Giselle for realistic sex, you're at the wrong ballet; I fear Gelsey Kirkland may have given a whole generation of balletomanes the wrong idea. The sexual element must be sublimated in dance, as is the element of redemption. There are in real life, after all, no Willis demanding that caddish young men dance themselves to death. The more otherworldly this ballet seems — even in its "realistic" first act — the more likelihood you'll have an epiphany such as we had Wednesday night.

Tan's Giselle sees Albrecht extended the seems and the seems are proposed to the seems are proposed

Tan's Giselle sees Albrecht ex-actly as he sees himself, living in a

mad scene was a fantasy-varia-tion; LeBlanc's a major concerto. It was the difference between liv-ing the part and acting it.

ing the part and acting it.

In any case, Tomasson's Act
One is a chore. It's nearly an hour
long, too much for the flimsy
quality of Adolphe Adam's music.
When those peasant girls in the
ugly hats come around for the ugly hats come around for the umpteenth time, waving one arm overhead as if hailing a taxi, while the bass drum and cymbals pound a simple-minded tune into your head, I want to scream out loud. Emil de Cou is a fine young ballet conductor, but I can't help believing that if the late Denis de Coteau had edited this score, Act One would be 15 minutes short-One would be 15 minutes short-

Not only does that act go on past credibility, but it wasn't danced well either night I attended. The corps was sloppy, and Tomasson's "innovative" peasant pas de cinq not only has difficult, fussy choreography, but seems dancer-proof. On Thursday, one of the girls fell off point and danced behind the beat. Only Gonzalo Garcia seems to get the

Goldato Garcia seems to get the cheerful, show-offy style right. Yet both nights, Act Two made us glad to be in the War Memori-al. The girls corps radiated beauty and precision. LeBlanc's perfect and precision. Leblanc's perfect combination of technique and heart won out; what does it say when Giselle's arabesque penchée is deeper and more eloquent than either of the Myrthas I saw? What kept LeBlanc's Giselle from being overwhelming was her partner-ship with Roman Rykine. He has a spectacular vertical game, beats and elevation to amaze. He's also

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# The lady and the piano

Jacqui Naylor benefits Library's instrument

by Jim Van Buskirk

he setting is like something out of the last image in Raiders of the Lost Ark: boxes of books, sheet music, library supplies piled high everywhere. We are in a sprawling space beneath Civic Center. The trade shows that it once Center. The trade shows that it once housed have moved on to Moscone Center. Rendered obsolete, it is now being used as the library's crowded warehouse. One glimpses, almost buried behind bookshelves, exhibit cases and more boxes, incongru-

cases and more boxes, incongru-ously, a piano. It sits alone and unloved, a thin film of dust covering its once finely polished surface. Cloudy finely polished surface. Cloudy rings are visible across every flat surface, circular ghosts of bygone days, when drinks (I imagine martini glasses rather than the more likely coffee mugs) were set unthinkingly on this now-faded grande dame. It used to reside in the Lurie Room, the utilitarian if unglamorous room in the old Main Library, which hosted pro-

Main Library, which hosted programs, receptions and meetings. There the Parlor Grand, Model M, built by Steinway & Sons in the 1920s, was used for all manner of music-making.

Lifting the lid, one sees immediately its ivory keys are edged in grime. Attempts to play a tune are frustrated by the fact that some keys stick, or click, or thud. Still, a strong, clear sound pours from the piano, indicating she has not lost all her former faculties.

When the library moved to its new showpiece building, amidst the massive fundraising efforts for new furniture, fixtures, and equip

the massive fundraising efforts for new furniture, fixtures, and equip-ment, no one paid much attention to this old warhorse. The piano was inadvertently overlooked, if not forgotten. Since the library opened in April 1996, it has offered four years of wonderful program-ming: lectures and performances, films and panel presprations. But films and panel presentations. But none of it has involved the piano. Laura Lent, former head of the library's Exhibition and Programs Department, tried to get administration and fundraisers interested in rescuing the relic, but no one seemed much interested.

## To the rescue

Enter an angel, one with long blonde hair and a smooth, silky voice. Jazz vocalist Jacqui Naylor whice, jazz vocanis jacqui rayloi has become an increasingly important presence on the Bay Area music scene in the few years since she decided to devote herself full-time to her music. Performing at Yoshi's, Enrico's, the Mark Hopkins and Ritz-Carlton Hotels, Naylor recently released her debut CD, revealing a disarming mix of childlike innocence and sexy sophistication. Her rendition of jazz standards is alternately sweet and soft, smoky and strong, and al-

Jacqui Naylor makes her Plush Room debut this month.

ways seductive.

ways seductive.

Some months ago, Naylor innocently approached the library about the possibility of doing a music program. That would be great, she was told, but there is no piano. Well, she learned, there was one, but it was unplayable. So Naylors away no poperturing to give here. lor saw an opportunity to give back to the venerable library. Like many other Bay Area musicians, she has availed herself of the Art and Music Department's impressive collection of sheet music, scores, recordings and books about music history and theory. She thought that the library should be able to offer programs using a piano, especially for young people.

So when Naylor was booked into the prestigious Plush Room for a two-week run, March 7-19, she offered her opening night as a benefit to raise funds to refurbish

she oftered her opening night as a benefit to raise funds to refurbish the piano. As plans progressed, Naylor got increasingly excited about the project, and has since decided to donate portions of the proceeds from her entire run, as well as sales from her entire run, as well as sales from her CD.

An estimated \$7000 is necessary for the refurbishing. The piano will be moved off-site, where its exterior will be repaired and refinished, and restored to its original satin Steinway look. The interior will be completely cleaned and the dampers replaced. A piano bench and a locking protective cover will be purchased. Then the piano will be permanently placed outside the Jewett Gallery on the library's lower level. From there it can be moved into the Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room or the Koret Auditorium for musical programs. The library is investigating possible sources of additagents. the Koret Auditorium for musical programs. The library is investi-gating possible sources of addi-tional funds to supplement Nay-lor's generous initial donation and complete the project. If you'd like to contribute, please contact Robert Giannasca at 437-4859. And so it is anticipated in the

not-too-distant future, Naylor will not-too-distant ruture, Naylor Will be performing on-stage at the Koret Auditorium in a program related to the jazz she loves so much. And she'll be accompanied by a gleaming, glorious grand piano. Her dedication, determina-tion and generosity will have made a dream come true, for all of us.

Jacqui Naylor makes her Plush Room (940 Sutter St.) debut March 7-19. A portion of proceeds benefit SF Library's Piano Restoration Fund. Call





## Giselle

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improved his partnering manners 100 percent. Yet he doesn't make the emotional transition from philanderer to romantic hero the philanderer to romantic hero the way Solomakha so effortlessly does. (Of course, Solomakha's Albrecht isn't such a bad guy to start with, so he hasn't that far to go.) Rykine is just a little too self-satisfied, a drama queen who will forget all about Giselle by next week. In contrast, Tan and Solo-

makha are on a soulmate wavelength, recognized by the Wednes-day audience that, having sat on its hands in Act One, rose for an instant standing O at the final curtain. Less bravura and more soulful than some Albrechts, Solomakha is almost diffident in his variations, as if he doesn't really want to live without Giselle. And Tan hovers, barely seeming to And Ian hovers, barely seeming to touch the ground, all air and compassion, with an extended line that, for all I know, is still going, out the stage door and halfway around the world.

# Columbia capsules

## 'Suddenly, Last Summer' and more

by Tavo Amador

ed up with the dark ones, starved for the blonde ones. That's how cousin Sebastian talked about people, like they were items on a menu. That one looks delicious. This one looks appetizing. That one does not look appetizing." That's just one of Catherine Holly's (Elizabeth Taylor) more interesting descriptions of what traveling with her late, homosexual cousin was like.

late, homosexual cousin was like.
Sebastian's mother, Violet Venable (Katharine Hepburn), has a different version of her poet son's life, and doesn't want to reveal anything about his shocking death, which she blames on Catherine, her niece by marriage. She's offering the financially struggling clinic where psycho-surgeon Dr. Cukorwitz (Montgomery Clift) works a fortune to support his experimental lobotomies, provided he performs one tout de suite on Catherine. "Cut out her babbling!" she commands. He, however, wants to determine if the young woman's termine if the young woman's bizarre, terrifying account of her charming cousin's demise in the

remote Spanish town of Cabeza de Lobo (Wolf's Head) is true. That's the conflict at the heart of Tennessee Williams's Suddenly, of tennessee williams s statemy, Last Summer (1959), the astonish-ing, pioneering and riveting film version of his off-Broadway one-act play originally included in Garden District. (It plays the Cas-tro Theatre on Sunday, March 5,

tro Theatre on Sunday, March 5, as part of their salute to Columbia Pictures.)

The year is 1937, the setting New Orleans. Director Joseph L. Mankiewicz's appreciation of fine dialogue preserves some of Williams's most baroque and witty language. Under his expert guidance, Taylor and Hepburn give stunning performances. give stunning performances, which earned them each a Best Actress Oscar nomination. (They Actress Oscar nomination. (They lost to Simone Signoret in Room at the Top.) Taylor, at the peak of her box-office potency, carried the film to unexpectedly huge grosses, helped by provocative posters showing her in a nearly transparent bathing suit. She looks deliberately drab in her first, long combust the medical inherable. scene, but thereafter is breathtak-ing. (Much to Hepburn's annoy-ance, Taylor became the only actress billed ahead of her, a distinc-

tion that remained true until Kate accepted her sole supporting role a few years ago in the Warren Beatty-Annette Bening remake of Love Affair.)

#### Dark vision

Williams's beloved older sister, Rose, had been lobotomized while still young. He feared insanity, which is an undercurrent in the story. He was a homosexual who came out late at a time when being gay was equated to having a mental illness, and when it risked dreadful social opprobrium. Like the unseen Sebastian, Williams considered himself a poet. In short, the film melds many autobiographical elements into a gripping tale of power, avarice, amorality, and ultimately, a dark vision of God.

Despite the film's success, Williams did not like it, finding it too literal an interpretation of his play. Too literal or not, his judgment about the movie does not ment about the movie does not hold up, filled as it is with many memorable sequences. Hepburn's entrance and opening lines alone are worth the price of admission. So is Taylor's epochal monologue near the end, when the unimagin-able truth about what happened that sumper, is revealed. that summer is revealed. (Williams also thought Taylor miscast, because she lacked the miscast, because she lacked the Madonna-like innocence the original 'Catherine, Anne Meacham, brought to the part. Again, he was wrong. Catherine is supposed to be beach bait, and Taylor's voluptuous beauty is perfect for the role. It's clear why cousin Sebastian took her to the heach with him.)

beach with him.)

Mercedes McCambridge is wonderful as Catherine's fatuous wonderful as Canterine's latuous mother, and Gary Raymond is fine as her greedy brother, both prepared to send her under the knife if it means getting the money Sebastian left his cousins. Albert Dekker is good as the head of the clinic hoping to benefit from Mrs. Venable's largesse. The Oscar-nominated art direction and set decoration by Oliver Mesand set decoration by Oliver Messel are extraordinary. Jean Louis designed the elegant costumes worn by Hepburn and Taylor. Gore Vidal co-authored (with Williams) the screenplay. Only Clift, in his first role following a nearly fatal automobile accident while filming Raintree County (1957) with intimate friend TayElizabeth Taylor in Suddenly, Last Summer lor, disappoints. He looks too old for the part, and at times seems a bit dim. But the real drama is the battle between Catherine and Violet. Neither Taylor nor Hepburn spares the weapons.



It is hard not to see The Lady It is hard not to see *The Lady* from *Shanghai* (1948) (Castro, 3/3) as Orson Welles's comments on his unraveling marriage to Love Goddess Rita Hayworth. Released two years after Hayworth's great success as *Gilda*, Welles insisted that she change her appearance and cast her in the most unsymmethetic part of her career. ance and cast her in the most un-sympathetic part of her career. Her spectacular long auburn hair was cut short and bleached a harsh blonde, making her look hard and fake. (Was he trying to

copy Lana Turner in *The Postman*Always Rings Twice?)

The film itself is burdened by a plot that doesn't withstand close scrutiny (but then, neither do most operas.) However, like anything Welles did, it is riveting to watch and often enjoyable. He diwatch and often enjoyable. He directed and wrote the screenplay, based on a novel by Sheridan King. Welles himself plays the narrator, an Irishman named Mike O'Hara. Quite improbably, he meets Elsa Bannister (Hay-worth) while she is taking an un-accompanied buggy ride through Manhattan's Central Park, and then saves her from muggers. She enlists him to join her husband's yacht crew, which will be sailing from New York to San Francisco.

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Evert Sloane (a member of Welles's original Mercury Theater Company) plays the disabled, bitter Arthur Bannister, a brilliant defense attorney who simultaneously adores and despises his wife. His weird business partner, George Grisby (Glenn Anders), and a rag-tag collection of crew members and servants are also along for the ride. Mike, smitten with Elsa, who is not a happy wife, is soon tempted by a murderous proposal from Grisby.

Naturally, the plot misfires, and the innocent Mike finds himself on trial for murder, defended

and the innocent Mike hads himself on trial for murder, defended by none other than Arthur Banister. If the trial scenes are representative of court proceedings in the late '40s, things have changed much (and for the better.) O'Hara manages to escape the courrhouse (don't ask), then hides in a Chimanages to escape the courtnouse (don't ask), then hides in a Chinnese theater, where Elsa finds him. He winds up at San Francisco's old Playland by the Beach, in the Crazy House. The last 20 minutes of the film, shot on location in San Engrego and Sanglito, are San Francisco and Sausalito, are among the most famous and amazing in movie history. The final confrontation among Sloane, Hayworth, and Welles,

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## Columbia

◀ Arts cover

Logan's Picnic (1955); the Tennessee Williams hysteria parade Suddenly Last Summer (1959); and the Williams pastiche, the dyke-drenched Walk on the Wild Side two years later. The studio also had its share of low-jinks in the form of the Three Stooges. These fabulously violent adult babies, with their nyuk-nyuks and bies, with their nyuk-nyuks and Jewish shtick and bloodless working-class cruelties, are as much a part of Columbia's identity as its more respectable fare.

By the '60s, the studios were in that discrete the studios were in the studios were th

By the 's0s, the studios were in total disarray, hammered by television, their theatre monopolies smashed, and actors and technicians all free agents. Columbia responded by releasing a series of films now recognized as counterculture classics. These include Dennis Hopper's Easy Rider, Paul Mazursky's Bob & Ted & Carol & Alice (1969), and Bob Rafelson's brilliant Five Easy Pieces (1970) Alice (1969), and Bob Rafelson's brilliant Five Easy Pieces (1970) and its underrated companion The King of Marvin Gardens (1972), which features one of Ellen Burstyn's greatest performances. Columbia also had its share of stars, though probably not more than there are in heaven. Two notable ones were Rita Hawworth and

than there are in neaven. Two notable ones were Rita Hayworth and Kim Novak, who shared not only the film *Pal Joey* (1957) but also the endless rude attentions of the com-



A scene from Josh Logan's hothouse melodrama Picnic

pany's founder, Harry Cohn (1891-1958). Cohn is as fascinat-(1891-1958). Cohn is as fascinating in his own way as any of his studio's directors, actors, or films. Like other moguls, probably more than most, Cohn was a self-invented monster who ran his studio like a personal fiefdom, spying on his actors (microphone bugs were a

favorite ploy), firing directors on a whim (or after an imagined slight), and of course browbeating every actress in sight into his bed. (An exception was Louise Brooks, who said no. And we all know what happened to her career.)

Cohn's lingo, like his personality, was combative and vulgar. "I

don't get ulcers; I give them" was his motto, and a statement few who dealt with him would dis-pute. His most famous quote described his method of judging a film's hit potential: "If my fanny squirms, it's bad. If my fanny doesn't squirm, it's good." When famed scriptwriter (and Columbia employee) Herman Mankiewicz cracked, "Imagine! The whole world wired to Harry Cohn's ass!" he was fired and nearly ruined.

Cohn's ass!" he was fired and nearly ruined.

Stories about Cohn's zany ways abound, and we can only hope that at least some of them are apocryphal. One such was the rumor that he kept a large wall chart in his office showing the menstrual cycles of Columbia's actresses, assuming that women "photographed better" during certain times of the month. Even his demise had a tacky tinge — a popular story says that he died of a heart attack after hearing that Kim Novak had married a black Kim Novak had married a black man (Sammy Davis, Jr.). Poor Harry. Even his rabbi couldn't muster up much sympathy. Asked if he could say anything good about the deceased, the holy man replied, "He's dead."

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surrounded as they are by mirrors, is gripping and beautiful.
Welles the actor is too somber and not as imaginative as Welles the director. He seems to have focused all his energy on speaking with a brogue. Although somewhat miscast, Hayworth is excellent, even if the script never gives us a real hint of what is behind her heartlessness, other than greed and a bad marriage. (Gloria Grahame would have been a better choice.) Evert Sloane's Bannister is one of the most unnerving characterizations in movie histo-

ter is one of the most unnerving characterizations in movie history. Reptilian, brutal, cold, impotent. Is this Welles's own judgment of himself as a husband?

The film, hugely expensive in its day, failed commercially, and although Hayworth starred in movies for another 20 years, she never quite recovered her luster. Welles directed a few more films (notably Macbeth, Othello, Touch of Evil, and The Trial), but no studio ever again gave him a big budget. get.

#### The film that made a studio

The unexpected success of It Happened One Night (1934) (Castro, 3/7) turned the hitherto poverty row Columbia Pictures into one of Hollywood's major studios. The film earned director Frank Capra the first of his three Oscars, and for decades (until 1975: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest) was the only film to win the

1975's One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest) was the only film to win the top four Academy Awards (Picture, Director, Actor, Actress).

Even 66 years later, the film retains its charm, although pinpointing why is elusive. In part it's the romance between an unaffected reporter (Clark Gable) and a down-to-earth runaway heiress (Claudette Colbert), which certainly plays to America's egalitarian biases and myths. Another factor is the potent appeal of its factor is the potent appeal of its two stars. Gable personified the ideal American male at the time: handsome, natural, uncomplicated, smart but not overly cultured and sure of his masculinity. Colbert, though actually born in Paris and equally at home in French and English, was the distaff side of and Eighsi, was the distalt side of that image. She was pretty, inde-pendent, funny, generally un-fazed, bright, and smart enough to realize that life with a good man was better than life without

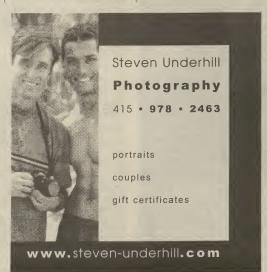
man was better than life without one. In the film's most famous sequence, she had no trouble proving to him that the leg was mightier than the thumb, at least when it came to hitchhiking

Capra's direction and Robert Riskin's screenplay capture an America coping with the Great Depression, but still daring to dream. The pace is quick, the dialogue smart, and the audience enjoys the stars' initial suspicions of each other slowly giving way before their mutual attraction and admiration. Their sexual chemadmiration. Their sexual chemistry remains potent. The whole film has an almost impromptu feel to it, although, of course, it

It Happened One Night earned
Gable and Colbert the only Oscars of their long and rich careers.
Ironically, neither wanted to do it.
Gable was sent to Columbia as punishment for wanting more money and better parts from his home studio, MGM. Unhappy with this assignment, he showed up for the first day's shooting hungover. Colbert, a star at Paramount, reluctantly agreed to make the movie, provided that its schedule not interfere with her planned European vacation. She was boarding the train from Los Angeles to New York when her agent found her and forced her to attend the Academy Award ceremonies. The train was held for her return after she picked up her Oscar.

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The film's impact on the public was enormous. When Gable undressed to reveal he was not wearing a T-shirt, sales of that garment plunged and didn't recover until Marlon Brando filled one out so memorably in 1951's A Streetzar Named Desire. The "Walls of Jericho" scene and the sounding of the trumpet, announcing that those walls had at last fallen (voluntarily), remain as witty today as they were in 1934. So many elements of the movie have been copied and borrowed that its freshness may be lost on contemporary audiences, which is a pity. But none of the later versions are so expertly played. The original is bound to bring a smile, if not a belly laugh, to the viewer. ▼



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# A serendipitous encounter

happened to this teenager and her family. *Dora Bruder* (translated by Joanna Kilmartin; University of

by Deborah Peifer

n 1988, French novelist Patrick n 1988, French novelist Patrick Modiano happened upon an ad in the December 31, 1941 issue of *Paris Soir*: "Missing, a young girl, Dora Bruder, age 15." A description followed, with a request to "address all information to

M. and Mme. Bruder, 41 Boule-vard Ornano, vard Ornano Paris." Modiano was fascinated. Who was this girl, and why would she risk running away, and

therefore calling perhaps fatal at-tention to herself? The Bruder address was famil-

iar to Modiano, close to where his own father had lived during the occupation. He had to know what

Dora

Bruder

PATRICK MODIANO

Joanna Kilmartin; University of California, \$19.95) is the story of his search, an extraordinary journey into the lives of one Jewish family, as well as a darker journey into Modiano's own life.

He discovers very quickly that, although facts about ordinary people are ordinary people are difficult to recover, nevertheless, the methodical record-keeping of the Nazis and their **Book Report** French associates provide some tantalizing bits of

Each fact learned leads to more Each fact learned leads to more questions. Modiano learns that the Bruders were Jewish, a serious danger in those perilous times. That fact must explain why Dora was placed in a Catholic boarding school, and why her parents did not register her as a member of the family. Would the school provide, campullage, when French the family. Would the school provide camouflage when French Jews began to be deported to the death camps? Why then, in the midst of this serious Nazi threat, would a 15-year-old Jewish girl flee the relative safety of a Catholic boarding school? Was it merely proof that adolescent angst trumps all other possibilities? Why would her parents take the risk of advertising her existence? Modiano's search is extensive, and he ano's search is extensive, and he weaves the story of his own father and the everyday terrors of the oc-cupation seamlessly into the nar-rative. How do people respond to



From Roman Vishniac's Children of a Vanished World

evil? Do they embrace or resist? Written with a novelist's eye for telling detail, *Dora Bruder* raises questions we all must answer.

formed Yippie, reading from Impolite Interviews on March 13 at 7 p.m. at The Booksmith, 1644 Haight Street, 863-8688.
This month's large-screen video program at the Main Library features silent films with extraordinary special effects, including Lost World (March 23) and Peter Pan (March 9) starring Betty Bronson, James Barrie's personal Bronson, James Barrie's personal choice for the role. The video pro-gram takes place every Thursday at noon at Koret Auditorium.

## Call for submissions

"I am seeking unpublished erotic fiction for inclusion in The erotic fiction for inclusion in The Best Black Women's Erotica to be published in Fall 2000 by Cleis Press. Submissions should be from 10 to 20 pages, typed, double-spaced and submitted on hard copy with disk. Please include your name, postal address, telephone number and, if you have one, your e-mail address. Deadline for submissions is May 1, 2000. Manuscripts will not be returned. A modest honorarium will be paid for all published work. Please send your manuscript of original erotic fiction to: Blanche Richardson c/o Marcus Bookstore, 3900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland CA 94609."



Remy Charlip

The Bay Area Book Reviewers Association (BABRA) honors the best Northern California writers in the categories of fiction, nonficthe categories of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, and children's literature, with the 19th annual BABRA awards, to be presented on March 15 at the Main Library. The evening begins at 5 p.m. with a wine and cheese reception and book signing. This is your chance to meet the nominees, including gay and lesbian literati Lillian Faderman (To Believe in Women: What Lesbians Have Done for America), Remy Charlip (Sleepytime Rhyme), and Adrienne Rich (Midnight Salvage: Poems 1995-1998).

If you have gossip, inquiries or information of a literary nature, send them to peiferd@aol.com, or via snail mail to the B.A.R.

## We must remember

Between 1935 and 1938, Roman Vishniac traveled through Eastern Europe, capturing life in Jewish villages on film. The Holo-Jewish villages on film. The Holocaust was on the horizon, and Vishniac was able to record lives that would soon be annihilated. Using a hidden camera under dangerous circumstances, he took more than 16,000 photographs, many of which survived the war. A new book, Roman Vishniac: Children of a Vanished World (edited by Maria Vishniac Kohn and Miriam Hartman Flacks; University of California Press, \$25), combines Vishniac's unforgettable photographs of children \$25), combines Vishniac's unforgettable photographs of children with the songs and poems they might have enjoyed, to recreate a way of life destroyed by hate. One poem, "Little Boy, Little Boy," is particularly haunting. It ends, "Where are the boys? Gone to war./Where is the war? Up to its knees in blood." knees in blood'

## **Events literary**

Brian Bouldrey, Jim Proven-zano, Patrick Ryan and David Teller read from *Men on Men 2000* at A Different Light on March 14

at A Different Light on March 14 at 7:30 p.m.
Felice Newman will discuss The Whole Lesbian Sex Book on March 16, 7:30 p.m. at Books Inc., 2275 Market Street.
Missing the '60s? Then don't miss Paul Krassner, the unre-

## The Alchemist

top of the heap is Ken Ruta's delicious portrayal of Sir Epicure Mammon, whose lips suckle obscenely at the names of the fine foods he will be able to afford once his gold is fabricated. Jack Powell and Ron Evans find humor in a humorless vair of Puritan. in a humorless pair of Puritan-types who can't escape the infec-tious greed surrounding this house. David Paul Francis as a roly-poly dunce, Gerald Hiken as a pixilated merchant, and Robert

Sicular as a Spanish count help add to the colorful mayhem.
A wonderful set of a house out of balance (literally) by Kent Dorsey and evocative costumes by Gabriel Berry provide a classy context for this 400-year-old folderol that paved the way for Matt Groening. Put Homer Simpson in a doublet and he'd fit right in. ▼

The Alchemist will run at Berkeley Rep through April 6. Tickets are \$38-\$48.50. Call (510) 845-4700 or go online at www.ticketweb.com.



# Stir of echoes

by Jim Nawrocki

Buried Treasure by Dan Bellm; Cleveland State University Poetry Center, \$12

n the span of one year, San Francisco poet Dan Bellm has published two excellent collections of poetry. The first was One Hand on the Wheel, which appeared last year as the inaugural volume of the California Poetry Series. The second is Buried Treasure, which won the 1998 Cleveland State University Poetry Center Prize and was published late last year. It's gratifying to see a poet of Bellm's talents honored with these awards and with the publication of two books within such a short period of time. His work more than justifies the recognition — his verse is grand and challenging, and is evidence of a consistent, inspired devotion to the craft of poetry.

The opening poem in Buried

to the craft of poetry.

The opening poem in *Buried Treasure*, "Silence," contains one line (inspired by the composer John Cage) that speaks volumes about this book: "there is no such thing as silence." In many ways, the poems in this book are an explication of silence, a plumbing of the temporal and emotional depths of temporal and emotional depths of everyday life. For Bellm, the si-

everyday life. For Bellm, the si-lences and empty spaces we en-counter in our lives are alive with echoes of the past and the present. Though Bellm could be re-ferred to as a gay poet — some of his poems clearly address themes of gay sexuality — his work is re-freshingly free of the preoccupa-tions (such as raw carnality) that seem to characterize most of what is called "gay poetry." Bellm jour-neys widely in these poems, and the result is a collection that re-wards with repeated readings. wards with repeated readings. These are poems about the human experience, and in writing about that experience, Bellm, like all good poets, uses the particulars of his own life (fatherhood, gay desire, and ethnic identity, for example) to create art that speaks to

The poem "Transfigured" (which first appeared in an an-

thology of gay poetry) is the portrait of a gay father reckoning past and future as he walks with his baby. "[W]hen I passed the open door of the room you and I/made love in one slow afternoon so long ago it appeared to me/as a photograph of a doorway in a building/that's been torn down for years and replaced/with another structure." This layering of past and present is one of the strongest themes in *Buried Treasure*, and Bellm explores it beautifully. Bellm explores it beautifully.

#### Poem in the 'hood

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Perhaps the most dramatic example of this temporal exploration is the long poem "Delle Avenue." Written about a street within the Boston neighborhood of Bellm's past, the poem is epic in its sweep. It surveys not only the emotional terrain of the neighborhood, but its place in the larger history of the community. Bellm moves from present to past, to the even deeper past of history (in this case, Boston of the 18th century), adopting the languages of these times and evoking a rich portrait of a particular place through time. In this sense, it is reminiscent of Galway Kinnell's masterful long poem, The Avenue Bearing the Initial of Christ Into the New World. It's a similarity worth noting because of other echoes of Kinnell in the book. Like Kinnell, Bellm is quite at home with the form of the long Like Kinnell, Bellm is quite at home with the form of the long poem — "Delle Avenue" runs

home with the form of the long poem — "Delle Avenue" runs nearly 20 pages.

In another long poem, "Aspens," Bellm explores the issues of art, desire and memory in a rich, wonderful tumbling of images, allusions, quotes and recollections. At one point in the poem, he writes: "We are temporary shadows constantly turning around/to misremember, elaborate constructions/unrecoverable a moment later, contradictory life-lines/in the palms of our hands." lines/in the palms of our hands." Though it's a heavily autobiographical work, touching upon the theme of artistic angst, it is ultimately a poem about the trans-

formative power of art.

Bellm also writes, quite beautifully, about his Irish Catholic



Poet Dan Bellm

heritage. "The Last Hour of the Night" describes a somewhat nervous altar boy preparing for another mass. With exquisite detail, Bellm evokes the hushed, darkened solemnity of the scene. In the quietly powerful poem, "Passage," he takes an often-sentimentalized subject — immigrant ancestors beginning a new life in America — and renders it with a wonderful sense of clarity, honesty and restrained beauty.

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There is much to praise in Buried Treasure that can't be done justice here: Bellm writes movingly of fatherhood, of friends lost to AIDS, and of the Vietnam War. His work as a translator of Latin American poetry and his love of the Spanish language come through in such poems as "Saints. Behind Glass" and parts of "Delle Avenue." Through all of it, Bellm weaves the elements of his experience, and the sources of his inspirence, and the sources of his inspirence, ence, and the sources of his inspiration, into works of astonishing, lyrical beauty. Buried Treasure is ell worth discovering.







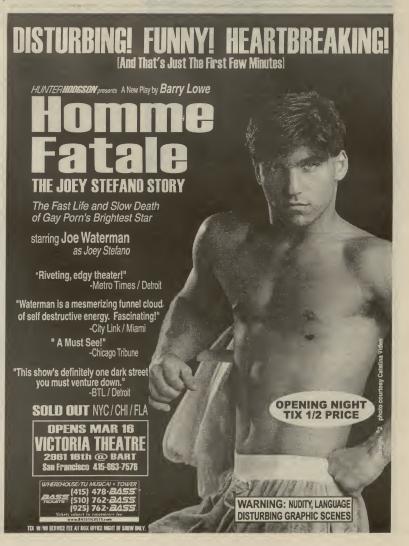




nne Rosenthal & Company's performances this weekend fea-ture a new company of professional dancers from the Bay Area. Their program includes Rosenthal's premiere of *There* We Are, a collaborative multimedia piece; and Better Than Never, created by New York choreographer David Dorfman in collabora-

tion with the company.

The performances take place Thurs.-Sat., March 2-4, 8:30 p.m. at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St. For tickets (\$14-18), call 621-7797. ▼



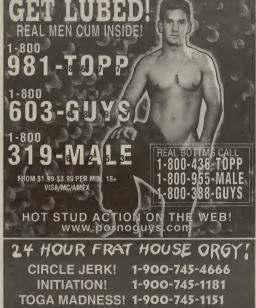


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## Les Trocks are in town



he world-renowned all-male ballet company Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo take the stage at Marin Center in San Rafael for their only Bay Area appearance this year, on Friday, March 3 at 8 p.m. The evening's program includes Swan Lake (ACT II), Go For Barocco, The Dying Swan and Raymonda's Wedding, and features dancers with names like Sveltlana Lofatkina, Margeaux Mundeyn and Igor Teupleze. Also on Les Trocks' program: Merce Cunningham's Cross Currents, the first time the 1964 piece has been performed by another dance company. For tickets (\$24-30), call 472-3500. ▼

# **Dark shadows**

## 'Brontë's Gothic milieu at the Magic

by Richard Dodds

ave you been waiting for a play that examines the personal lives of Emily and Charlotte Brontë, their lesser-known sister Anne, their drunken brother Branwell, and their severe father Patrick? No? No matter. John O'Keefe has gone to a great deal of trouble to pull their stories together in *Brontë*, and the effort is appreciated, even if demand is suspect.

Actually, for those who mainly know O'Keefe as the author and performer of the one-man Shimmer, Brothe will seem like an impressive stretch. In Shimmer, O'Keefe recounted a rough childhood, including a stint in a work farm, and evocatively demonstrated how his imagination provided refuse.

vided refuge.

The multi-character Brontë is a period piece set amid a polite 19th-century culture that seems far removed from O'Keefe's T-shirt-and-jeans life of the 1950s. But as presented by O'Keefe, the Brontë siblings also devised elaborate fantasy games to enliven the gloom of their daily lives. As they grow older, the fantasies are channeled into poetry and novels for the sisters, and into alcohol for their brother. That they should all die at tragically young ages adds to the mystique that O'Keefe is eager to exploit.

eager to exploit.

In fact, the play opens with a monologue by a wizened figure who speaks in the sepulchral tones of a teller of ghost stories. The Brontës are a family cursed, he says, "doomed to short lives but sweet tongues." But for those who don't believe in curses, the death that haunts this family finds no root in the play beyond bad luck.

### Lightning finish

The murky use of ghosts — to the point of recalling the clumsy final scene in the film version of



Andrew Hurteau (Branwell) and Alexander Storm (Charlotte) in Bronte

Wuthering Heights — doesn't help matters. And O'Keefe, or director Barbara Damashek, isn't above such clichés as a first-act curtain that has Charlotte cackling her lines with her arms thrust heavenward as lightning flashes and thunder cracks.

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But the play is seldom clunky in a starchy Masterpiece Theatre sort of way. O'Keefe quickly establishes distinct personalities for the young siblings that help foretell their futures. Charlotte (Jane Eyre) is the sensible sacrificer who sees writing as a means to financial salvation. Emily (Wuthering Heights) sees the world in darker tones, experiments sexually, and writes poetry for her eyes only. Youngest sister Anne (Agnes Grey), sickly and retiring, struggles to keep up with Charlotte and Emily.

Despite the gothic milieu that the playwright and director set out to create, O'Keefe fortunately lets his wry tone occasionally come through. Emily calls her Catholic piano students "indolent little papists." And when Charlotte reads some of Emily's secret writings, she tells her brother, "It's hideous — but good." N. Alexander Storm as Char-

N. Alexander Storm as Charlotte, Natasha Kelly as Emily, and Sarah Overman as Anne all achieve a sympathetic unity with their characters. As troubled brother Branwell, Andrew Hurteau comes on a bit too streng, but Michael Eliopoulos nicely captures two very different ministers. Robert Parnell plays the Brontë patriarch with unremarkable comprehence.

Brontë patriarch with unremarkable competence.

Brontë is a 10-year labor of love for O'Keefe. He is too keen a writer to create anything not marked by insight and intelligence. But the passions that O'-Keefe feels for his subject are not enough to ignite the tale that stalks the stage.

Brontë will run at the Magic Theatre through March 5. Tickets are \$15-\$30. Call 441-8822.

# Family affair

## Rupert Everett and Madonna in 'The Next Best Thing'

by Robert Julian

t is a great and terrible thing when mainstream Hollywood studios like Paramount tread It studios like Paramount tread into choppy waters, producing films about gay alternative lifestyles. The great part about such efforts is that there is an effort. The terrible part is what happens to queer reality when it is distilled for mainstream consumption. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that *The Next Best Thing* is both a great and terrible film. rible film.

rible film.

Under the supervision of openly gay director John Schlesinger, openly gay Rupert Everett and ambisexual Madonna portray Robert and Abbie, two old friends who lead parallel lives. Robert is a gay man who works as a landscape architect and lives in Robert is a gay man who works as a landscape architect and lives in the rented poolhouse of two retired, piss-elegant queens. Abbie teaches yoga, and as the film opens, her boyfriend Kevin (Michael Vartan) dumps her. Robert tries to console Abbie, and, after a few drinks too many, their palents friends this crosses. their platonic friendship crosses the line. A few months later, Abbie

the line. A few months later, Abbe discovers she is pregnant.

Robert eventually gives up his apartment and moves in with Abbie to establish an alternative family and raise their son, Sam (Malcolm Stumpf). Their relationship includes supportive friends, supportive friends, supportive in-laws (Lynn Redgrave and Josef Sommer), and a lot of questions from outsiders. Redgrave and Josef Sommer), and a lot of questions from outsiders who are not always as supportive as one would like. But when Sam is just starting grade school, Abbie finally meets Mr. Right in the form of Ben (Benjamin Bratt), a New Yorker who stops in her yoga studio while visiting Los Angeles on business. The seriousness of this new relationship upsets the delicate balance of Abbie and Robert's alternative family and ultimately pits them against each timately pits them against each



Madonna and Rupert Everett in The Next Best Thing

other in court.

The Next Best Thing is writer
Tom Ropelewski's first dramatic
screenplay, and it shows. But,
given the delicacy of the subject
matter and the goal of mainstream
success, some allowances must be
made. There is some great dialogue in the film, the best of which
comes in the form of funny
one-liners. But significant problems arise from the overly ambitious nature of the undertaking,
and from the schizophrenic impact of a story that changes tone
completely about three-quarters
of the way into the movie. of the way into the movie.

#### Full agenda

The Next Best Thing begins as an alternative lifestyle screwball comedy and, with little warning,

segues into serious domestic drama. Along the way, the script tries to deal with issues of gay parenting; alternative family compo-sition; how the children of gay parents are treated by their young peers; how gay and straight soci-ety reacts to gay parenting; what children should be taught about children should be taught about sexual orientation; what the legal rights of a gay parent are; and (in a misguided foray into matters better left untouched) how important biological relationship should be in deciding issues of parental custody. It is not possible for all of this to be handled successfully within the context of one cessfully within the context of one movie, and Ropelewski's attempt to deal with all these themes results in a film that addresses each of them only superficially. In its

superficiality, The Next Best Thing comes dangerously close to trivializing the subjects it seeks to illu-

minate.
John Schlesinger has been directing films for over 35 years, and he approaches his task here with good pacing but some questionable choices. Everett, Bratt, and Madonna are given the kind of lighting not seen since Joan Crawford; foreheads are constantly cast in shadows while the year below ford; foreheads are constantly cast in shadows while the eyes below them are illuminated by a strong key light. And although Madonna seems more comfortable onscreen than she has been in years, she remains a non-actress. Madonna never quite connects with her character in a believable way, a problem that has plagued her in all her films except Desperately Seeking Susan and the documentary Truth or Dare. Rupert Everett is charming, attractive, and believable — as is Benjamin Bratt — but the Madonna/Everett/Bratt chemistry does not sparkle like the Kate Jackson/Michael Ontere

the Kate Jackson/Michael On-tkean/Harry Hamlin pairing from Making Love (1982), the film The Next Best Thing most recalls. Almost 20 years have elapsed since Making Love offered main-stream American filmgoers three attractive, upscale Los Angelenos trying to deal with a love triangle that results from the emerging homosexuality of Harry Hamlin's character. In a glossy, glamorous, glamorous, glamorous, glamorous, glamorous, hotmosexuality of radity riaminis character. In a glossy, glamorous, Hollywood way, Making Love sim-ply tried to present same-sex rela-tionships as valid and respectable. Shortly after its release, the gay rights movement was set back 20 years by AIDS. Given the evidence in *The Next Best Thing*, it seems that same community is now starting over from scratch — this starting over from scratch—this time with children. But in both Making Love and director John Schlesinger's own groundbreaking Sunday, Bloody Sunday (1971), the gay male characters were at least allowed one passionate onscreen kiss. No such thing is permitted in The Next Best Thing.

permitted in *The Next Best Thing*. In Schlesinger's current release, the issues of gay parenting and alternative family structures are at least being presented to a wide audience in a way that may result in positive change. Certainly, this is a film both parents and children could see without much risk of offense; and any film that encourages tolerance deserves credit for good intentions, even if the road they pave leads to a difficult destination. Until there is a sea change in Hollywood's attitude toward gay/lesbian relationships, we have *The Next Best Thing*.

The Next Best Thing opens Friday, March 3.



# Attack of the killer millionaires

by Victoria A. Brownworth

certainly hate to see e certainly hate to see February sweeps end. First there were the fanta-sy elements. NBC's miniseries opus *The 10th Kingdom* (and ex-cuse us, they couldn't spell out tenth?) featured Camryn Man-heim as Snow White and Ann-Margret as Cinderella. As if that weren't enough suspension of dis-belief, all the white-on-white shows bused in African American characters for Black History Month for that racially balanced

Then there were the true crime dramas: CBS's version of the Jondramas: CBS's version of the Jon-Benet Ramsey story, Perfect Town, Perfect Murder, which suggests JonBenet's parents had something to do with the crime! (Egad, what's next? A miniseries claiming OJ's guilty?) Of course, February sweeps wouldn't be the same without a return engagement by sweeps wouldn't be the same without a return engagement by America's tabloid sweetheart, Tonya Harding. Apparently, Miz Harding has taken up a new Olympic sport, discuss-throwing, and decided to practice using a hubcap as disc and her boyfriend's face as goal. We loved the 911 tapes of the sobbing boyfriend with Harding in the background yelling at him to stop sniveling. Those two have been sniveling. Those two have been watching entirely too much Life-time Television for Women.



Sharon Stone and Ellen DeGeneres in If These Walls Could Talk 2.

Speaking of television for women and suspension of disbelief, we also love the idea that' Sharon Stone and Ellen De-Generes would A) be a couple in this universe and B) have trouble finding a sperm donor. What, was David Crosby having a liver transplant that week? Memo to Anne Heche: Stay in front of the camera, dear.

The most exciting moments of

February sweeps, however, were ogling Jennifer Lopez at the Grammys and watching the Republicans beat the crap out of each other in the primaries.

George W — that boy can whine better than Ethel Merman

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—"The Democrats hijacked the
primary!" Boo-hoo — and who
hijacked your brain, dear? We
think the best public service announcement the Clinton Adminstration could do to get kids to steer clear of drugs would be jump-cuts of Bush with the voiceover: This is your brain on drugs. Would

out of us.

Also scaring the bejeezus out of us is that Democrat factor in the McCain ascendancy. Now, ad-mittedly, we just had a just in birthday in there **Lavender Tube** 

scare the bejeezus

which there were entirely too many candles on the cake, but we kinda sorta remember when Democrats didn't vote for people who used words like "gooks."

Still, we love this Republican do-si-do, with Bush trying to backpedal his far-right leanings and disown good friends like the Rev. Pat Robertson. McCain keeps claiming he really is a Republican, claiming he really is a Republican, even though only Independents even though only Independents and Democrats are voting for him. (Memo to McCain: Your record proves you're a Republican. We just don't happen to think that's a good thing.) McCain's new claim is he's "a Reagan Republican," which prompted Michael Reagan, guesting on Nightline, to paraphrase Lloyd Bentsen's famous comment to Dan Quayle: I'm Ronald Reagan's son and you, sir, are no Ronald Reagan. We can do a lot with that line. a lot with that line

#### Haight crimes

So when we weren't watching installment number 5— or was it 50? — of The 10th Kingdom (Camryn began to look bizarrely attractive in that Snow White outfit as we started having flashbacks of our old psychedelic days in the Haight) and weren't steaming over the Bush-McCain wars, we were musing over fashion. We readily admit there were only three reasons to watch the Grammys — to watch Carlos Santana play supernatural guitar, to see

mance (that ring of fire was very Siegfried and Roy), and to see what unbelievable outfits people

would be wearing.

As we alluded to earlier, we recently had a birthday that left more wax on the cake than Ricky Martin uses on his chest, so we remember when the only award Cher ever received was the annu-al Worst-Dressed one from Mr. Blackwell. So it set our heads to reeling when Cher picked up a Grammy and her outfit barely twitched the Richter Scale of

bad taste. How dreadful were the outfits? Let count the ways Suffice it to say they made Courtney Love's

Golden Globe appearance in shredded silk and duct tape look restrained.

And perhaps we've seen too many repeats of that JonBenet Ramsey beauty pageant tape, but we find these kids dressed in clothes Cher would find too revealing very disturbing. Does Britney Spears really need to have her dress slit up to her ass in the back and down to her navel in the front? And does Christina Aguilera have to out-Britney Britney by wearing much less dress on her body and much more bleach on her hair?

more bleach on her hair?

Of course, nothing quite prepared us for Jennifer Lopez. For once we imagine that really wasn't a gun in Puff Daddy's pants when he saw her. We never thought we'd see anything as awful as L'il Kim's one-breast-in, one-breast-out dress last year. So we can only think La Lopez gut. one-breast-out dress last year. So we can only think La Lopez got L'il Kim's designer (Strippers-R-Us?) and asked him to top it (or not, as the case may be). Though we doubt there is anyone who hasn't seen this dress by now, we know some folks only watch PBS or the WWF, so we will describe the Lopez item for them and the visually impaired (which clearly included the designer — but then, Chloe Morgan on General Hospital has continued to design dresses even since she went blind, and she's doing gowns for the Oscars, so ... perhaps art imitates life more so ... perhaps art imitates life more than we care to contemple the Imagine a gorgeous green print chamois peignoir of the sort Rita Hayworth used to wear. Now

her doorbell rings. She grabs for the robe, but by the time she gets to the door, she has only been able to get the tiny little button at the waist closed. The robe gapes open to her navel and fans open from the bottom up to her... This dress made Sharon Stone's leg-crossing scene in *Basic Instinct* look de-mure. Memo to Lopez: Next year,

#### Bridal path

Speaking of the total absence of discretion, it was Fox, not Christina Aguilera, who showed us what a girl wants last week on their latest show highlighting the sleazy underside of Americana, sleazy underside of Americana, Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire. Apparently, the title Who Wants to Be a Cheap, Gold-Digging Whore was already taken, or Fox is using it later for the Tonya Harding miniseries. We were mesmerized and utterly creeped out by this travesty. The "bride" has been doing the talk show circuit since the honeymoon ended. Not since Paula Jones left the Arkansas hotel groom and filed her painhotel room and filed her pain-and-suffering lawsuit five years later have we seen such high dud-geon over consensual consorting. It seems our "bride" was ap-

It seems our "bride" was appalled at being kissed by the hubby she just married for money on live TV, and even more distressed that he would think she'd have sex on the wedding night. What did he think she was? And our "husband" had hoped it would be a love match (we keen) would be a love match (we keep saying it — too much Lifetime). He had no bad words about his ephemeral bride, but she trashed him every 15 minutes of fame she got. Including the lowest — say-ing he would *never* be someone she could be attracted to. Might we note for the record, dear, you are 34 and have never been married either?

ried either?
We enjoyed the SNL parody of this: Who Wants to Be Fondled by a Thousandaire. Two chicks in wedding dresses compete along with one bemused guy who's unsure how he got on the show. Of course, the boy gets picked to be

porked in the back seat of a car by

the less-than-savory thou-sandaire. Gay, gayer, gayest. Meanwhile, Politically Incorrect hosted a real gay marriage be-tween two men, Mark and Scott. like all real marriages. On that night's show: the Rev. Lou Sheldon and his heir apparent, Bill Horn of the splinter group a tad to the right of the Promise Keepers. Both spewed their homophobic rhetoric. Horn has that Ralph Read calm but Sheldon's lost it. Reed calm, but Sheldon's lost it completely — he just rants and babbles. He should just take up

babbles. He should just take up snake-handling.
Rounding out the panel, queen for any day Bruce Vilanch to block, and soap heroine Heather Tom (in a black leather outfit that looked kinkily like a rubber body sheath). Bill Maher, always ready to rile the right, asked what was wrong with the wedding Sheldon wrong with the wedding. Sheldon went spinning out of his loose gourd, almost immediately folbrimstone. What fascinated us was the way Tom — straight and an ardent Christian — stood up for queers and refused to take Sheldon's homophobic bait. Memo to the Advocate: time to put her on the cover.

Other queens to come out for sweeps included the last true movie star, Elizabeth Taylor, who still has some kick-ass left, as evi-denced in last week's series of indenced in last weeks series of in-terviews with Diane Sawyer for Good Morning America. La Liz looks fabulous, having finally real-ized the white hair was just too Phyllis Diller. She told bawdy sto-Phyllis Diller. She told bawdy stories and admitted Eddie Fisher was the only true asshole she ever married. She's made peace with the wives of marriages she ruined, but has nothing to say to Fisher, whose cretinous tell-all repulsed all, including queer daughter Carrie.

Finally, Monica Lewinsky gave an interview to Barbara Walters on *The View*. She also brought her new Monica designer bags for the

new Monica designer bags for the View girls who have trashed her for two years. To which we can only say, Who says a sow can't make a silk purse?

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## Have guitar, will play



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# Good golly, Mr. Holly!

Carol Reed's 'The Third Man' on DVD

by Gary Morris

n one of the many extras in Criterion's sumptuous DVD presentation of Carol Reed's The Third Man, Peter Bogdanovich calls the film "the greatest non-auteur film ever made." The idea that Reed was not an auteur, merely a gifted technician, is difficult to credit in light of the director's career, and particularly The Third Man. True, individual elements shine here — Graham Greene's impeccable script; Vin-cent Korda's superb art direction; a fabulously polished studio look (some of it was shot at Shepper-ton Studios, some on location in Vinne), que the hearting sither Vienna); even the haunting zither score by Anton Karas. But the film's beauty and power clearly come from the same directorial sensibility behind Odd Man Out, The Fallen Idol, and Outcast of the The Fallen Idol, and Outcast of the Islands. Reed's personality pervades the visuals — endless tilted angles, forced perspectives, chiaroscuro lighting — and the film's melancholy themes of moral tests and the failure of human beings to meet them and human beings to meet them, and

the difficulty - if not impossibility — of human relations in an unpredictable world.

After years of making the reper-

After years of making the reper-tory rounds in splicy, sometimes shrunken or damaged prints, *The Third Man* was re-released to ac-claim in 1999 in a digitally remastered print. This version is razor-sharp, virtually flawless, preserving the film's extraordinary clarity and textured darkness. Of the many "foreign noirs" and textbook mas-terpieces of the period, this is one that has to be seen in as pristine a shape as possible, The story is a familiar one for fans of Graham Greene and Reed. The scene is postwar Vienna, a city under the schizoid control of four powers in uneasy alliance Britain, tered print. This version is razor-

owers in uneasy alliance: Britain, rance, Russia, and Austria. As in all such contested realms, morali-ty is lax, and illegal trafficking of all kinds pervades the city, from smuggled shoes and tires to wa-tered-down penicillin that kills or

mentally maims its victims.
Holly Martins (Joseph Cotton) a somewhat naïve writer of pulp Westerns, arrives in Vienna expect-ing to meet his old friend Harry Lime (Orson Welles). But Lime has

apparently been accidentally killed by a car driven by his own chauf-feur, and their "meeting" is at the funeral. But Martins, too curious for his own good, hears contradicfor his own good, hears contradic-tory stories about the circum-stances of Lime's death. Witnesses disappear or are murdered. Mar-tins himself is chased by unknown assailants through the glamorously dark streets of Vienna. Complicat-ing matters are the sardonic Major Calloway (Trevor Howard), head of the British forces, and Lime's mis-tress, Anna (Alida Valli), who iron-ically is a stage actress in comedies ically is a stage actress in comedies that are the antithesis of her misery over the death of her lover.

The film methodically constructs a curious picture of the missing Lime through the comments of those who knew him. Martins remembers him as a charismatic friend. Anna's questioning adoration paints a picture of Lime as a romantic. Major Calloway offers a startlingly different picture of this elusive man as a morally rotten racketeer; he shows a suddenly sobered Martins the effects of Lime's work



Orson Welles as Harry Lime in The Third Man

in a hospital filled with children dying from the watered-down vaccines that were part of the dead man's "business enterprises." In a brilliant sequence that Reed

allegedly improvised late in the film, the dead man reappears. In Anna's apartment, Martins tries to play with a cat, but Anna says the

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# **Good things in various packages**

A plethora of greatest hits compact discs

by Gregg Shapiro

ox Of Pearls: The Janis Joplin ox Of Pears: The Janis Jopin Collection (Columbia/Lega-cy) is a "specially priced" box set consisting of five CDs, which is a must have for Joplin fans. Ina must have in Jophin talls. In-cluded are Joplin's four studio al-bums (Big Brother & The Holding Company, Cheap Thrills, I Got Dem Ol' Közmic Blues Again Mama!, and Pearl), all of which have been enhanced with three to four bonus tracks. The exclusive 5-track EP Rare Pearls features five previously Rare Pearls features five previously unreleased songs. If a little Janis is enough, consider the reissue of 1973's Janis Joplin's Greatest Hits album (Columbia/Legacy). The 10-track disc (which includes "Piece Of My Heart," "Me And Bobby McGee," and "Ball & Chaim") has been expanded to 12 tracks, including the bonus cuts "Maybe" and "Mercedes Benz."

The 13 tracks on Al Green's

The 13 tracks on Al Green's Master Hits (Arista) were recorded around the same time as the two albums Joplin recorded with Big Brother & The Holding Company, therefore predating Green's carly-'70s chartbusters. These ongs are a chance to take a look at his earliest charting tracks, including "I'll Be Good To You,"
"Back Up Train," "Stop And Check Myself," "I'm Reachin'

Out," and "Don't Leave Me."

As box sets go, Long Train Runnin': 1970 2000 (Warner nm: 1970 2000 (Warner Archives/Rhino) is one of the best, covering the Doobie Brothers dur-ing their pre- and post-Michael McDonald days, illustrating how the band's considerable success increased with the risky addition of a new, highly visible member. The 78 tracks (four discs) include the essentials, such as "Another Lonely Park, Another Sunday," a classic song left off the 1976 The Best Of The Doobies album. My only complaint with this excellent box set is the exclusion of the popular extended 1979 dance remix of "What A Fool Believes."

Of the 15 tracks on *The Best of* 

Yaz (Mute/Reprise), four are remixes (two of the same song). The remaining 11 tracks are essential Yaz, including "Only You," "Nobody's Diary," "Don't Go," "Situation," and "State Farm." I didn't need two remixes of "Situation," which would have left room for another song from either Upstairs At Eric's or You And Me Both. The real Best of Yaz would have been both of

## The Karla Show

People familiar with Linda Ronstadt's classic 1976 album

Hasten Down The Wind will rec-Hasten Down The Wind will recognize several songs on All My Life: The Best of Karla Bonoff (Common Chord/Legacy/Columbia). Bonoff's self-titled debut disc was released a year after Hasten and featured her versions of the songs she wrote (such as "Someone To Lay Down Beside Me," "Lose Again" and "If He's Ever Near"). Bonnie Raitt also covered Bonoff ("Home"). Percovered Bonoff ("Home"). Per-haps the greatest irony came with singer/songwriter Bonoff's only hit single, 1982's "Personally," which was written by someone else (Paul Kelly).
Although Simon & Garfunkel

and Captain Beefheart & The Magic Band had very little in common musically, both share the use of an ampersand, which is where all similarities end. The Best Of Simon & Garfunkel (Columbia/Legacy) is the latest, and sup-posedly most complete packaging of the duo's greatest hits. This 20-track collection improves on 1972's single-disc hits package by putting the songs in chronologi-cal order, from "The Sound Of Si-lence" (1965) to 1975's "My Little Town," a song that appeared on each of Simon and Garfunkel's solo albums that year. Additionally, there are three B-sides ("The 59th Street Bridge Song," "Old

Friends/Bookends," Only Living Boy In New York City") as well as the non-charting

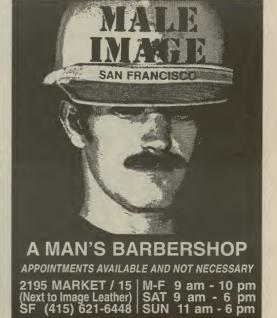
"Song For The Asking."
While Simon & Garfunkel were recording some of the most beau-tiful mainstream music of the '60s and early '70s, Captain Beefheart (aka Don Van Vliet) & The Magic Band recorded some of the most cacophonous experimental music of the same period (and beyond). The Dust Blows Forward (An Anthology) (Warner Archives/ Rhino) is 45 tracks (on two discs) that describe what Captain Beefheart was capable of. Essential but difficult listening for anyone interested in the evolution of pop and rock

music from the days of the Beatles through the early '80s.

Mitch Miller and Mrs. Miller,

who both occupied different ends of the musical novelty spectrum, are not related; however, their "family" of fans probably has a lot in common. Did you ever know someone who was convinced that they had a professional-quality tney had a professional-quality singing voice and who insisted on screnading you (and anyone with-in earshot)? That is sort of what Mrs. Miller's shtick was, but she found a way not only to parlay it into a recording career, but also to make herself a known commodi-ty on various variety shows dur-

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## **Greatest hit CDs**

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ing the 1960s. Mrs. Miller: The Artist Collection (Capitol) compiles 21 of her wretched rendi-tions of mid-'60s pop hits (by others) and also includes the previously unreleased "Queen Of The House." The joke runs thin long before it should.



#### Retro hip

Mitch Miller's career has a lemitted Miller's, and while the music he recorded during the 1950s and early '60s, represented here on Mitch Miller, The Gang & Orches-Mitch Miller, The Gang & Orchestra's Greatest Hits (Legacy/ Columbia), may not seem all that hip or cool, rest assured that it was at the time. Miller (and company) had considerable pop-chart success with a number of songs, including "The Yellow Rose Of Texas," "March From The River

cluding "The Yellow Rose Of Texas," "March From The River Kwai," "Tzena, Tzena, Tzena," and "The Children's Marching Song (Nick Nack Paddy Whack)." The unrelated Thompson Twins and real-life brothers Michael and Jon Aston, aka Gene Loves Jezebel, represent the British New Wave scene/invasion of the New Wave scene/invasion of the '80s. Both bands made use of synthesizers while creating very dance-friendly pop music. Voodoo Dollies: The Best of Gene Loves Jezebel (Beggars Banquet) collects 18 of their androgynous postpunk songs, including the two hits for which they are best known, "Desire (Come and Get It)" and "Jealous." 1988's Eest of Thompson Twins/Greatest Mixes was an odd greatest hits package, in that all ten tracks were extended remixes of New Wave scene/invasion of the

the original hit songs. The just-re-leased Master Hits (Arista) disc sets the record straight, so to speak, by presenting ten songs (from five al-bums) in their original versions. You will find hits such as "In The Name Of Love," "Lies," "Hold Me Now," and "Lay Your Hands On Me," on this album.

Also a presence in the '80s, Roxy Music was just perfecting what they had started in the '70s. You can hear some of it on More Than This: The Best of Bryan Ferry + Roxy Music (Virgin), a slapdash hits package without chronology or logic. I don't understand why they didn't just release a 2-disc set, they didn't just release a z-disc set, one for Ferry and one for Roxy Music. If you can track down the 1995 box set *The Thrill Of It All*, that's where you'll find the most definitive take on Roxy Music.

For some reason, Graham Parker never achieved the mass appeal he deserved, thus amassing a sizable cult following. Master Hits (Arista) features eleven songs from his most prolific late-'70s/early-'80s period, during which time he released the semi-

nal Squeezing Out Sparks.
Celine Dion, the stick figure Celine Dion, the stick figure with lungs, bids us and the '90s farewell with All The Way... A Decade of Song (Epic/550). Dion has been taking time off to be with her alling husband. Her 16-track domestic hits package consists of nine megahits (including "The Power Of Love," "Because You Loved Me" and "My Heart Will Go On") and seven new tracks with presumed hit potential (including her current single "That's The Way It Is," a cover of "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" and the "duet" with Sinatra on "All The Way").

#### Meet Mrs. Fun

The jazzy Milwaukee, Wisconsin-based duo Mrs. Fun (Connie Grauer and Kim Zick) has joined Grauer and Kim Zick) has joined Indigo Girl Amy Ray's expanding Daemon Records roster with the release of *The Best of Mrs. Fun* (Daemon). Big favorites in the women's music community throughout the 1990s, Mrs. Fun keeps good com-pany (including k.d. lang, who sings on the track "Lulu's Lament," and both Indigo Girls, who sing backup

on "Gossip").

Pat Benatar fans should be grateful for the 3-disc set Synchronistic Wanderings: Recorded An-hology 1979 to 1999 nistic Wanderings: Recorded Anthology 1979 to 1999 (Chrysalis/Capitol). Benatar is someone I came to appreciate years after her overwhelming commercial popularity subsided a bit. Listening to this compilation, I was reminded of how songs such as "We Live For Love," "Love Is A Battlefield," "Ooh Ooh Song" (also here in Spanish), "We Belong," "Le Bel Age," and her loving rendition of Kate Bush's "Wuthering Heights" sound great from a

The Very Best of The Claddagh Years (Atlantic/Claddagh) by The Chieftains and The Artist Collec-tion (Capitol) by Bobby Darin reach even farther back into the past. The Chieftains' disc culls tracks from their '60s and '70s discs, back when their album's tidiscs, back when their aloums ti-tles were merely numbers. One fifth of the songs on the Darin disc, covering 1962 through 1965, are previously unreleased, making this disc essential for his fans and memorabilia collectors

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Paul Brady is perhaps best known for the songs he wrote that became hits for other people. For example, Tina Turner's version of Brady's "Paradise Is Here" should be familiar to many. Brady's version is included on Nobody Knows: The Best of Paul Brady (Rykodisc). Bonnie Raitt also had her inimitable way with a counle (Rykodisc). Bonnie Kaitt also had her inimitable way with a couple of Brady's songs, including "Not The Only One" (also on Nobody Knows) and "Luck Of The Draw." Nothing Safe: The Best Of The

Box (Columbia) preceded the re-lease of the Alice In Chains Music Bank box set by a few months and featured the previously unre-leased "Get Born Again." You will also find Alice In Chains favorites such as "Down In A Hole" and 'Would," among others, on Noth-

ing Safe.

The Sounds Of Science (Grand Royal/Capitol) is a Beastie Boys anthology, collecting tracks from seven sources, including the critically lauded Paul's Boutique, Ill Communications, Licensed To Ill and last year's Hello Nasty. "Alive," a new Beastie Boys recording, is

also included here.

Perry Farrell is represented as a solo artist and a member of two a solo artist and a member of two bands (Jane's Addiction and Porno For Pyros) on Rev (Warner Brothers). The songs "Rev" and Farrell's cover of Led Zeppelin's "Whole Lotta Love" are new recordings. Imaddition to familiar JA and PFP numbers, there are also tracks from soundtracks and

Dissolving after more than 11 years and half-a-dozen albums, Toad The Wet Sprocket's career is summed up on PS (Columbia), a 16-track hits package with actual hits. Songs such as "Come Down," "All I Want," "Good Intentions," "Something's Always Wrong,"
"Walk On The Ocean," and "Fall Down" actually got some respectable airplay, and a few even charted. PS also has a few remixes, non-album and new versions, and previously unavailable tracks.

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Bluegrass superhero Bela Fleck
and his band the Flecktones have
released the appropriately-named
Greatest Of The 20th Century
(Warner Brothers), which compiles tracks from their six Warner
Brothers discs along with the wea Brothers discs, along with the pre-viously unreleased "Road House Blues." The disc also features guest musicians such as Dave Matthews and Sam Bush.

At one point in 1997, I hadn't even recovered from the news of Laura Nyro's untimely death when I learned that Nicolette Larson had died suddenly. Larson's 1979 debut album *Nicolette* was one of the great albums of the late '70s. Her hit single cover of Neil Young's "Lotta Love" still sounds as good now as it did then. You can hear that song among others (including "Let Me Go Love," her stunning duet with Michael McDonald) on *The Very Best Of Nicolette Larson* (Warner Archives/Rhino). I would be extremely grateful for a CD reissue of the aforementioned debut disc with the extended dance remix of "Lotta Love" included as a bonus "Lotta Love" included as a bonus

Alterna-punk rock lives on at the hands of Unwound. A Single History 1991-1997 (Kill Rock Stars) contains 17 singles from a variety of sources. Sixteen of the 17 tracks are Unwound originals.

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The title *The Very Best Of Robbie Fulks* (Bloodshot) is a little misleading, as this is not a "best of" disc, but 14 tracks of new material. The "best" on this disc includes Fulks's duet with Kelly Willis on "Parallel Bars," the nasty "White Man's Bourbon," and the musical love letters "Jean Arthur" and "That Bangle Girl."

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Equally misleading is Chris Gaines Greatest Hits (Capitol) by Garth Brooks. An elaborate concept album by Brooks (and produced by Don Was), the most shocking thing about this disc is the inferior material with which the inferior material with which Chris Gaines was supposed to have achieved superstardom. The disc's only "great" moment occurs on the song "Right Now," which is an amalgamation of Cheryl Wheeler's powerful "If It Were Up To Me" (from her wonderful Sylvia Hotel disc) and the Young-bloods' '60s smash hit "Let's Get Together," and it deserves to be a hit.

## The Third Man

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cat only liked Harry Lime. Later, Martins observes the cat wandering along the wet, cobblestoned streets. Eventually it sidles into a shadowed doorway, where it licks the shoes of Lime. Martins realizes him, chasing as everyone in the film does — a shadow. Finally, they meet, in another celebrated sequence, on a Ferris wheel. Here the real Harry Lime emerges, and he's just as Major Calloway suggested: an immoral monster who cares nothing for Anna or anyone else. Welles improvised a much-remarked speech here delineating his grim world view. He tells Martins that the vioview. He tells Martins that the vio-lent Italian culture that produced the Borgias also produced Michelangelo, while all the Swiss, known for 500 years of order and good manners, could come up with was the cuckoo clock.

Lime chillingly embodies the chaos of a postwar world with his fascination with survival, and triumph at the expense of any moral values. Reed captures this world with a camera that's often grotesquely skewed, images of a Vienna seen almost exclusively at night, and supremely, the hauntnight, and supremely, the haunting presence of Lime as a literal shadow looming large over the pathetic daily lives of the ordinary people who are his victims. The informative production history on the DVD tell us that Welles was in a sense as "missing" as his character at certain pivotal points in the film. When he arrived in Vienna, he apparently disliked the sewer system and demanded a studio version be built in England. When Welles fled, the ingeland. land. When Welles fled, the inge-nious Reed improvised, casting assistant director Guy Hamilton as Harry Lime in shadow, having him dress in a black coat and hat and run across an arc light to project that large ominous shadow.
Welles is almost as famous for

this role as for Citizen Kane, but his screen time is considerably less. While he makes the most of less. While he makes the most of his scenes, which include a des-perate run through a sewer system that looks like a Rembrandt paint-ing, *The Third Man* is as much about Martins's dilemma, his

awakening to the sordidness of life, and Anna's refusal to awaken to it. Acting credits are superior throughout, from the leads to the decoratively weird characters who decoratively weird characters who cross Cotton's path and help flesh out this bizarre world. These include a carping old landlady perpetually wrapped in a blanket, and a strange child who convinces a mob that Martins is a murderer.

The DVD includes the restoration of Reed's original more cyn-

tion of Reed's original, more cyntion of Reed's Original, more cylical opening speech (David Selznick replaced it with a tamer version by Joseph Cotton, also available here). There are also a couple of radio drama versions, a solid stills gallery to go with the production history, a quickie a quickie restoration demonstration, con-cert footage of composer Anton Karas playing his famous zither ("He'll have you in a dither with his zither!"), two different trailers, and subtitles for the hearing impaired. All considered, a masterful use of the DVD medium in the service of a fine film.

The Third Man is available from Criterion Video.

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# **Revisiting gay history**

by Deborah Peifer

sion/Essays/1964-1999 by Martin Duberman; Basic Books, \$30

artin Duberman was present at most of the great events of gay liberation, but unlike so many who claim mere presence, Duberman thought about what was going on. Left Out is a remarkable collection of essays that span the history of the great civil rights movements of the latter half of the 20th century, for people of color, for women, for queers. More intimate than mere history, more political than mere hemoir, Left Out shows us how things happened and why during the years of great social upheaval. The essays are personal and partisan and profound. They are also entertaining, touching, occasionally infuriating, always interesting.

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ing, and it makes fascinating reading. "Generalization doesn't come naturally to me — though in saying as much, I may be risking my credentials as a historian. The older I've gotten, the more wary I've become of the emphatic voice and its confident pronounce-ments. ... Tentativeness, intricacy and interpretive restraint are what now strike me as the hallmarks of a trustworthy account." But Duberman is no mush-mouthed ap-

peaser. "I would want to distinguish pronouncements from con-victions. These selected political essays of mine over some thirty-five years are full of decided con-victions: the baleful influence of victions: the baleful influence of corporate culture, the iniquity of many aspects of American foreign policy, the tenacity of white racism, the nonpathological nature of same gender desire, the crippling falsity of the traditional male/female binary."

Duberman is not merely preaching to the choir in this collection. He asks even those of us who agree with him to follow his argument, to challenge his con-

who agree with nim to follow his argument, to challenge his con-clusions, to think again about those questions for which we have reached our own answers. I particularly admire his willingparticularly admire his willing-ness to revisit those questions himself. The essays are repro-duced as originally written, but Duberman follows each with up-dated information, new thoughts, new questions. The re-sult is an extraordinary history of our turbulent times, and a re-minder of how much is left to be minder of how much is left to be done. ▼

## REVIEW

# **Gay theatricals** vs. country folk

by Marv. Shaw

Two Gentlemen Sharing by William Corlett; Alyson Publications, \$12.95

reen, period and bucolic, Bellingford, a English village some-where down-country from London, is hardly ready for met-ropolitan sophisticates, but Richard, an older, rich theatrical oroducer, believes it is the ideal place for himself and much younger model Bless, who have just bought Hall House in order to escape

They have hardly settled when Rich is called off to America on a deal, leaving Bless to cope with a housecleaner improbably named Doris Day, and various singles and small groups ensconced in cottages named Pinchings and Cockpits. Right next door is Towers, where a retired Brigadier has an advantageous spy nook from which

where a retired Brigadier has an advantageous spy nook from which to keep Bless under surveillance.

Into this unholy stew are plunked Laurence, another refugee from the London theatrical scene; Maggie Heston, hot after young flesh; and retired ballerina Lavinia, who is avid to dance again. A starchy vicar and a troupe of middle-aged women round out the picture. The Brigadier sizes up Bless and Rich as two poofters, and the campaign is on to freeze out the "incomers" as unwanted new-

As the events spin out, one in particular builds the pressure, Lavinia's "comeback." Typical is the bitchy conversation between the Brigadier's wife Rosemary and his sister, a strong catfight in which a pause is "so pregnant it almost reached the point of Ce-

As the moment of Lavinia's re-entry to the world of the dance approaches, the most improbable drag queen thrusts (his) her presence into the imbroglio. The performance degenerates, with the two newcomers climbing out of the mess and into each others'

Rich and Bless re-establish their love in spite of the wreckage of others' affairs, in particular Lavinia's "comeback." In truth, they do become "two gentlemen sharing."

# A long, strange trip

by Robert Julian

Wisconsin Death Trip by Michael Lesy; University of New Mexico Press, \$25

he title of Michael Lesy's cuhe title of Michael Lesy's curious nonfiction opus, Wisconsin Death Trip, is as provocative today as it was when the book was first published in 1973. Newly reprinted and released by the University of New Mexico Press, Lesy's work contains a series of historic black. tains a series of historic black and-white images from the end of and-white images from the end of the 19th century, interspersed with excerpts of newspaper re-ports from the same period — all taken from Jackson County, Wisconsin sources. The subject is daily rural life in this farming community, and the author occasionally interrupts the quotations with his own narrative insights in

lage of photos and text is an un-deniable sense of how vile rural deniable sense of how vile rural life was at the turn of the last century. Many of the ills of modern society (including homelessness) were fully present, complicated by high infant mortality, widespread poverty, social isolation, a rugged physical climate, and primitive medical care. Women killed their own children rather than see them succumb to disease; suicides were succumb to disease; suicides were common; arson was rampant as a means of personal retribution; and the courts frequently declared people insane, shipping them off to State-run nut-houses, where they at least received three meals

The photos which illuminate the text are taken from glass plate negatives found in the archives of the Jackson County Historical So-ciety. Dating from 1885-1915, they are surviving works pro-duced by three rural photographers of the area. Newspaper excerpts like the following characterize Lesy's not-so-fun house of

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From Wisconsin Death Trip



# Come and go

Sol LeWitt at the Modern

by Michael McDonagh

ne of the central discoveries of modern art is that it's an unfinished affair. The con-ceptual art movement, which began in the '60s, went even further by claiming that the artist's idea was just as important as the art. It could, in some cases, even be the work of art itself, though I doubt Yoko Ono really expected anyone to follow her instructions and eat her book *Grapefruit*. Still, the movement has impacted our culture in funny ways — we don't even blink when someone says that their life is "a work-in-progress."

Watching three painters execute a huge Sol LeWitt "wall drawing" in the Atrium of SFMO-MA for its retrospective devoted to the pioneering conceptual artist made this perfectly clear. It also reminded me of the opening scene in the 1987 Taviani brothers film Good Morning Babylon, where a group of artisans patient-ly restore the face of an old Italian church. In both cases, other artists "finished" an artist's work, and "finished" an artist's work, and the ideas in that work were both bigger and simpler than the peo-ple who painted them. And though LeWitt has others execute his huge pieces, he's not interested in the artist/assistant issue as a master/slave relationship, but in doing away with the dictatorial role of the artist in Western Art. This also happens to coincide with how we see male roles now, even though LeWitt has been making non-macho art since the early '60s (he's 71). But all of this early 608 (he s /1). But all of this is just a fancy way of saying that this artist doesn't impose his ideas in a negative, aggressive way. On view till May 21, the Modern's show is the first full-scale museum retrospective that LeWitt has had since 1978. It includes over 200 works in many forms — paintings, postcards, books, posters, sculptures (which he calls structures), photographs, and drawings which are as elegant and precise as any architect's

#### Environmentalism

And then there are those justly famous wall drawings, which en-velop whole rooms. Their very bigness makes them environ-ments in much the same way that Monet's water lilies series are environments the viewer is in. Le-Witt's rhythmic permutations of a simple visual idea or set of ideas gives them an undeniable kinship with the music of Philip Glass. These wall drawings — which are, in most cases, really paintings or

in most cases, really paintings or frescoes — energize a room.

Two black-and-white ones get their drama from their size and scale. #295 (1976) "Six white geometric figures (outlines) superimposed on a black wall" gives a feeling of enormous and enormously open vertical space, while #343 (X) (1980) "On a black wall geo-



Wall Drawing #911, 1999, by Sol LeWitt. Acrylic paint. Courtesy Marian Goodman Gallery, New York.

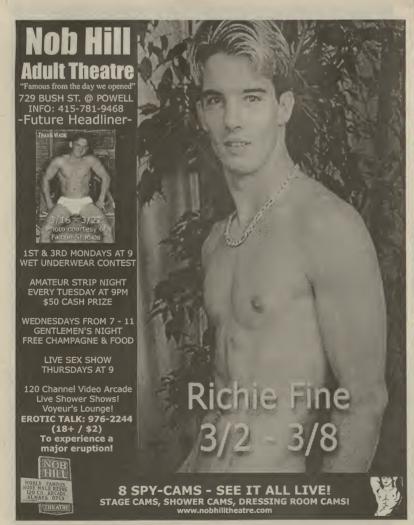
metric figure (X) in a square. The background is filled in solid white," has an almost threatening

produce entirely different effects. The white or nearly white-on-white ones like #46 "Vertical lines, not straight, not touching, uni-formly dispersed with maximum formly dispersed with maximum density, covering the entire sur-face of the wall" (1970, pencil), for example, have an open sense of space, while dense ones like #565 "On three walls, continuous forms with alternating 8" (20cm) black and white bands. The walls are bordered with an 8" (20cm) black band" (1988, India ink) have a paradoxical look and feel — they're closed-in yet jazzy. Still others, like those with lines

of irregular length on single, pri-mary colors, radiate infinity. The range of forms and the amount of invention is amazing, and I was constantly struck by the drama in these pieces. You'd never think that something as abstract and, well, conceptual could be so purely beautiful and dynamic. But there

they are — pyramids, squares, rectangles, cubes, arcs and loopy lines — brilliantly colored or severely monochromatic. When the show's over, they're painted over, powerful moments, intimate moments here and gone.

Sol LeWitt: A Retrospective is on view through May 21 at SFMOMA, 151 3rd St. A large and very heavy catalog accompanies the show





Five-Pointed Star with Bands of Color, 1991, by Sol LeWitt

## Wisconsin

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"Elsie Whitsan, 4 years old, child of Henry Whitsan died at Neenah of grief .... Her mother died a few days before and from then until her death the child cried without stopping. Physicians say that death was caused by a broken heart.

a broken heart."
"Mary Karban, wife of Wenzel
Karban, a farmer of the town of
Neva, committed suicide by eating the heads of 4 boxes of matches. She was only 16 years of age

and had been married last fall."

and had been married last fall." The cumulative effect of reading these stories and viewing the photos is both fascinating and mind-numbing; repulsive and compelling. To Lesy's credit, I cannot recall another book that even remotely resembles Wisconsin Death Trip. It is a scholarly work, dense with facts, and one whose dry, intellectual presentation demands a great deal of the reader. But this work of nonfiction may well be the ne plus ultra documentation of rural suffering in late 19th and early 20th century America.



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## Fri 3

#### Space 743

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One-day-only exhibit, "Six Degrees of Fabrication," by Will Shank, B.A.R. contributor, photographer, and former head of conservation at SFMOMA. He presents a whimsical comparison of Old World and New World architectural sites and sights from Gaudí to Watts Towers, from Pompeii toi Hearst Castle. Free. 6-8pm. 743 Harrisot St (at 44 h St.). 777-980.

#### Escape from New York Pizza (downtown)

Poetry & Pizza presents a dramatic reading of Lynn Lonidier's "The Rhyme of the Aged Mariness: a les-bian-ecological opera." All proceeds benefit Guerrilla Girls, a group of ac-tivist women in the arts who fight distivist women in the arts who fight dis-crimination. Lonidier, whose works in-clude Clitoris Lost (1989), was a founding mother of the S.F. Women's Building. She died in 1993. Readers include Janine Canan, editor of Loni-dier's last book of poems. \$5 donation (includes free pizza). 7:30pm. 333 Bush St. (at Montgomery).

Community Music Center Free concept: chamber music by Jen-nifer Chung (flute), Robert Bailis (clarinet), Bryan Baker (piano), Amanda Hahn (flute) and Monica Scott (cello). They'll play pieces by Bach, Robert Beaser, Vivaldi, Villa

and others. 8pm. 544 Capp St

## Chabot College Little

Theater, Hayward
The Southern Alameda County Gay
and Lesbian 2000 Film Festival, hosted by lesbian comedian Regina Stoops, presented by CommPre (Com-munity Prevention of Alcohol-Related Problems). Short films include "Below the Belt," a shapshot of teen love and coming out, and "Sleep



Beach Circle, 1999, hand painted on infrared photograph, by Rebecca Martinez at Sightings Gallery. See Wednesday.

Come Free Me," a women's piece mixing fantasy and reality. Feature film: "Bedrooms and Hallways" by Rose Troche, a comedy on the trials and tribulations of lust and love. \$9 (\$7 student/senior). 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward. Tix: (510) 247-

## La Peña, Berkeley

Holly Near, singer/songwriter and am-bassador for peace, helps La Peña cel-ebrate its 25th anniversary. Near's performing career coincides with sev-eral decades of social and political activism, from anti-Vietnam war cam paigns to major demonstrations for gay rights, civil rights, human rights, and women's rights. \$17. 8pm. 3105

Shattuck Ave. (510) 849-2568

Eighth St. Studio, Berkeley Eighth St. Studio, Berkeley
Gala opening night: Impact Theatre
presents "Commedia 2000: Soccer
Mom vs. Monster Bud," live improvised comedy about a raver kid, as
treet punk, a cheerleader, a stoner,
and Mom. Explicit, offensive & crude.
Masked performers improvise dialogue within a loose story structure.
\$20 (\$10 students). 8pm. 2525
Eighth St. (below San Pablo, btwn.
Dwight & Parker), Berkeley. Tix:
(510) 464-4468.

## Sat 4

Cellspace
The Cubby Creatures, local indie rock provocateurs (The Blessed Invention), present "The Telethon for the Benefit of Suzie," a spirit-raiser for somebody named Suzie who's down and out after too many bong hits. Featuring Trannyshack's Pippi Lovestocking, self-actualization guru Reverend Myrtle Motivation, and local bands. Hosted by MC Andy Peters. \$5. 6pm-midnight. 2050 Bryant (at 18th St.) Info: OH-CUBBY.

## Berkeley Unitarian Universalists

"In Song & Struggle," an International Women's Day event celebrating human rights and ten years of Berkeley Copwatch. Six hours of music, ley Copwatch. Six hours of music, dance and poetry bringing together women artists. Proceeds go to Copwatch to support its efforts to defend the right of everyone to fair treatment under the law. Featuring Shelley Doty, Rebecca Riots, Gwen Avery, Gelen & Green, Laura Chandler, and Rachel Garlin, plus spoken word by Aya de Leon, comedy by Karen Ripley, and dance by Women in Black. 38–312 sliding (NOTAFLOF). 4-10pm. 1924 Cedar St., Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-0425.

Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley
The 15th Annual Jewish Music Festival presents Jacques Fromental
Helévy's 19th century masterpiece, La
Juive ("The Jewess"), the only Jewish-themed opera in standard repertory, laced with irony, anti-Semitism,
betrayal, and unrequited love. Stephen
Guggenheim, tenor, plays Eleazar, a
role Enrico Caruso considered one of
his favorites. Lise Lindstrom, soprano,
is the sought-after Rachel. \$28 (\$25
seniors/students). 8pm. Tix: (510)
848-0237, ext. 227. Repeats 7:30pm
on Sun, March 5 at the SF Conservatory of Music, 1201 Ortega St.
Chahot College Little

## Chabot College Little

Chabot College Little
Theater, Hayward
The Southern Alameda County Gay
and Lesbian 2000 Film Festival presents the feature film Better than
Chocolate, a women's romantic comedy filled with color, music, sensuality
and love. Plus shorts "Trevor," a look
at one boy's self discovery, and "Boot
Camp," a satirical men's piece with a
funny musical twist. \$9 (\$7 student/senior). 2555-Besperian Blud. Haynior). 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hay ward. Tix: (510) 247-8208.

## CenterStage, San Rafael

CenterStage, San Rafael
"Ben Franklin: Unplugged," featuring
solo performer Josh Kornbluth in his
hilarious attempt to channel the spirit
of the great Ben Franklin, \$24. 8pm.
Also 3/5 at 5pm. Hoytt Theater at the
Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, 200 North San Pedro Rd, San
Rafael, Tix: 479-2000 or BASS.

#### Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Center, Oakland

Arts Center, Uakland Singer Cris Williamson appears in a solo concert for two nights only. She was a founding member of Olivia Records, which released 17 of her albums including the legendary Changer and the Changed, which has sold more than 250,000 copies, \$20 advance; \$23 door. 7:30pm. Also on 3/5. 1650 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. Tix: (510) 339-1832.

The Sweat Girls appear in the Working Women Festival. See Sunday

#### 550 Barneveld

Gus presents "Metropolis," featuring a special Mardi Gras masquerade ball. With guest DJ Luc Benech of ball. With guest DJ Luc Benech of Paris, plus resident DJs Matt Consola and Derek. On the boxes: Big Tom's Red Hot Men. Dress code: costumes, masks, beads, extravagance; come as you aren't. \$20. 10pm-6am. Off Bayshore Blvd., btwn. Oakdale & In-dustrial (follow the searchlights). Info: 646-0890.

## Sun 5

## Metropolitan Community Church

In honor of Women's History Month, author Barbara Essex (Bad Girls of the Bible) gives a talk on Jezebel. Free. 11am. 150 Eureka St. Info: 863-4434.

#### **Shelton Theater**

Shelton Theater
Opening: "Starship Shakespeare," an original comedy by Ben Donenberg who combines the Bard with science fiction characters and scenes just for the fun of it. The play explores what might happen if Hamlet, lago and Lady Macbeth were beamed aboard a starship. Written in iambic pentameter. \$27 Sun. & Thur; \$29 Fri. & Sat. 8pm. Thru 3/12. 533 Sutter St. (btwn. Powell & Mason). 665-3491.

#### Boadecia's Bookstore, Kensington

Jam Provenzano, Tommi Avicolli-Mecca, Denise Noco-Leto, Giovanna Capone and others read from the new Three Guineas Press anthology, Hey, Paesan! Writing by Lesbians & Gay Men of Italian Descent. Free, 7:30pm. 398 Colusa Ave., Kensington (Berkeley). Info: (510) 559-9184.

#### il Teatro 450

Gala opening: "The Sixth Annual Working Women Festival," introduc-ing the new Working Woman of the Year, performer Rhodessa Jones, co-artistic director of Cultural Odyssey and creator of the Medea Project: and creator of the Medea Project: Theatre for Incarcerated Women. Plus silent auction. The festival includes the renowned Sweat Girls performing their "Motherlode" piece March 22-26. \$15. 8pm. 449 Powell St. (btwn. Post & Sutter). Info: 433-1172.

## Eagle Tavern

Eagle Tavern
Golden Gate Men's Chorus hosts a
beverage benefit for the chorus. With
great food, a triple hot auction for a
dinner date, and raffle prizes. 3-6pm.

## 177 Townsend

Pleasuredome welcomes DJ Jeff Johnson to its fierce lineup. Johnson is gaining national recognition for his super mixes of progressive house and trance music. With DJ Michael Mangiaforte. \$7. 21+w/ID. 177 Townsend St. (at Third St.). 289-6699.

## 1015 Folsom

Gus presents "Mass," a massive T-dance ritual & sound party featuring DJ Phil B (Aftershock). \$20. 6pm-mid-night. 1015 Folsom St. (at 6th St.).

## Mon 6

QComedy.com presents Gay Comedy Showcase, hosted by Nick Leonard. Tonight's lineup (subject to change) includes comedians Carla Clayy, Brid-get Schwartz, Michelle Collins, Mag-gie Dolan, Ken Miller, Erin Souza, Kirk Reed, David Guiney, Jane Bar-bone, John Hoogasian, Bob Douglas, and Jeff Krysler. \$5. 8pm. 1351 Polk St. (at Pine). Info: 541-5610.

### The Freedom Forum

Journalist Jon Katz discusses "Geeks," the true story of how two "Geeks," the true story of how two working-class teenagers — self-pro-claimed "geeks" — embraced computing to blunt the pains of high school and harnessed the Net to escape dead-end jobs. Free, 5:30 reception; 6:30pm program. One Market Street, Steuart Tower, 21st floor. Reservations required: 547-4127.

## Tue

Jazz vocalist Jacqui Naylor heads up the fundraising effort to restore the 1920s Steinway Parlor Grand piano for the S. F. Public Library, Naylor's stylish, groove-driven arrangements

# Calendare by Mark Mardon

## Get (gender) blasted!

ick up a copy of the Harvey Milk Institute's current spring course catalog, turn to the section for youth, and there you'll see a description of something called "Genderblast: A Workshop." It may look innocuous, but as with gender, looks can be deceiving. It really marks the start of something big, and it looks to be ablest as advertised. a blast, as advertised.

a blast, as advertised.

GenderBlast is the brainchild of one Jaron Kanegson, founder and director of Youth Gender Project (YGP), a recently formed organization serving the Bay Area's "genderqueer" youth.

Says Kanegson: "There are very few places for trans, gender-vari-

ant, intersexed, gender-questioning, or other genderqueer youth to come together and network in a social and educational setting. Our event will provide that."

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The free workshop, to be held at the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy (4235 19th St.) on Saturday, March 4 from noon to 4 p.m., is open to all genderqueer youth plus their friends and allies of all ages. It begins with a panel featuring youth and young adults relating their experiences of what it's like to be genderqueer. After lunch, everyone will join in small groups to discuss pertinent topics.

The facilitators for one such group, tackling medical issues for genderqueer youth, include Karen Aguilar, a health educator from Proyecto Contra SIDA por Vida, Kristi M. Bruce from the Intersex Society of North America, and Jed Bell, former editor of the FTM International Newsletter. Other groups will delve into questions of cultural diversity and gender identity, and making your organization, classroom, or Gay-Straight Alliance friendly to youth of all genders.

"I'm proud to have such a stellar event leading off our youth program," says Mark Menke, HMI's program director. He adds that GenderBlast and YGP "will provide the filling for an often overlooked niche." It will inaugurate a youth/adult partnership using a peer-based model to empower and support genderqueers of all ages and ethnic, cultural and racial backgrounds.

Kanegson comes to this project with an impressive background as founder of Gender Garden at The Pacific Center in Berkeley and former director of Changeling at LYRIC. She holds a BA in Women's Studies from UC Berkeley and an MA in English from San Francisco State University.

For more information about "GenderBlast," phone HMI at

For more information about "GenderBlast," phone HMI at 552-7200 or YGP at (510) 665-9234.



The Kinsey Sicks glam it up at New Conservatory Theatre. See Wednesday.

range from works by Milton Nascimento, Cole Porter and Frank Loesser to Led Zeppelin and Aretha Franklin. \$15 plus 2-drink minimum (a portion of proceeds benefit the piano fund). 8pm. Thru 3/19. York Hotel, 940 Sutter St. Tix: 885-2800.

Justice 4 None presents an evening of Justice 4 None presents an evening of courtroom comedy improv madness. The audience becomes the jury as actors assume the roles of judge, lawyer, plaintiff, defendant and witness. It's Judge Judy meets Monty Python. Featuring Diana Brown, Glen Havlan, Mark Sargent, Alison Lustbader, Cary Silberman, Howard Stone, "Drew Todd, and Barry Weir. \$5. 8pm. Tuesdays thru April 11. 1351 Polk St. Info; 387-6959.

## Alliance Française

Alliance Française
The French Film Club screens Robert
Bresson's Lancelot du lac (Lancelot of
the Lake, 1974; 80 min.). Having
failed to find the Holy Grail, King
Arthur's knights return to the Round
Table disillusioned and defeated in this
poetic study of the end of chivalry. \$5.
7pm. 1345 Bush St. 775-7755.

#### Venue 9

Venue 9
Footloose's Women's Work project
presents Esther Aviva, Colleen
Brennan and Anne Kohlhagen in "Orisha Suite for Strings." Inspired by
the Afro-Cuban Lucumi tradition,
these dances invoke and honor various
archetypal deities. Set to classical
string quartet music, incorporating
and expanding upon Afro-Cuban traditional movements. Also solo dance
by Deborah Hull and humorous monologue by Lauren Crux. \$6-\$10 sliding.
8pm. 252 Ninth St. (btwn. Folsom &
Howard). 289-2000. Howard). 289-2000.

#### A Different Light

Opening reception: The Male Figure Group celebrates the start of its 14th year with a show of sketches of male nudes. Host Mark I Chester and mem-bers of the group will be present. Free 6pm. 489 Castro St. Info: 431-0891.

## Wed 8

## New Conservatory

Theatre Center
"New York or Bust," in which the queerly outrageous acapella group The Kinsey Sicks offers a sneak preview of material of the group's upcoming off-Broadway show. \$20 (\$22 Fri. & Sat.). 8pm. Also on March 9, 10 & 11. 25 Van Ness Ave. (at Market). 861-8972.

#### Yerba Buena Center

"Culture Clash Anthology: A 15-Year Retrospective." The nation's premiere Chicano/Latino performance trio re-turns to its home and its roots. Creat-ed, written and performed by Richard Montoya, Ric Salinas, and Herbert Siguenza, "Anthology" showcases cutting-edge-theater with an outra. siguenza, "Anthology" showcases cutting-edge theater with an outrageous performance style that combines politics, poetry and sheer silliness. \$24-\$28.8pm. Thru 3/12. Theater, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission St. (at 3rd St.). 978-ARTS.

## ODC Theater

"Transbay Expressions," a hip-hop performance series curated by Youth Speaks and the Black Dot Poetry Collective. Featuring six Bay Area poets rehearsing for the National Teen Poetry Slam Festival. \$6. 8pm. 3153 17th St. (at Shotwell). Info: 863-9834.

Sightings Gallery
Opening reception: "A Show of Ones,"
the photographs of Rebecca Martinez.
Unique hand-painted images fuse

photo techniques with oil on paper. Free. 6-8:30pm. Thru April 22, 435 Bryant St. (btwn. 2nd & 3rd streets). 546-1132.

## Thu 9

#### Orpheum Theatre

"Minnelli on Minnelli," a tribute by singer/actress Liza Minnelli to her fasinger/actress Liza Minnelli to her father, film director Vicente Minnelli. She recreates moments from his films, including "The Band Wagon," "Meet Me In St. Louis," Gigi," "An American in Paris" and others. \$45-\$125. 8pm today thru Sat.; 2pm Sun. 1192 Market St. (at Hyde & 8th). Tix: 512-7770. Info: 551-2000.

#### Instituto Italiano di Cultura

Opening reception: La Musica Degli Occhi (The Music of the Eyes), a collection of images dedicated to the historical theaters of Emilia Romagna. This photographical journey winds its way across the region, from the city of Piacenza to the city of Rimini, offering images of some of the 80 theatrical ediffers cituated both in Jarree. ing images of some of the 80 theatrical edifices situated both in large cities and small village centers. Architect Pier Luigi Cervellati will talk about restoring the Teatro Verdi in Busseto. Free. 6pm. Exhibit runs thru April 7. 425 Washington St. (btwn. Sansome & Battery). 788-7142.



Starship Shakespeare blasts off at Shelton Theater. See Sunday.



Josh Kornbluth in Ben Franklin: Unplugged at CenterStage. See Saturday.

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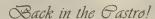
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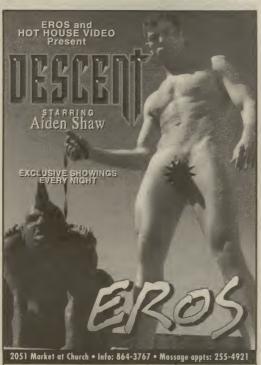




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Four of the six contenders for the title of Mr. SF Leather 2000, from left: Tom Basch (Mr. GDI Leather); Bob Miller (Mr. Edge Leather); Lance Gear (Mr. Powerhouse Leather); and Rob Esmonde (Mr. Daddy's Leather). The contest will take place Friday, March 10 at Club Townsend.

# Mr. San Francisco Leather judges named

by Mister Marcus

t was a moment many were awaiting. The Mr. San Fran-cisco Leather 2000 committee had been working hard and dili-gently since the first week of Jan-uary. So when Patrick Batt, executive producer of the Mr. San Fran-cisco Leather 2000 contest, announced the names of the judges for this year's competition, a cho-rus of hosannas could be heard. Batt produced a list of seasoned leather people who now must face the awesome task of choosing our

the awesome task of choosing our man to send to Chicago next May to compete for the Int'l. Mr. Leather 2000 title.

Because of his distinguished year with the title, Mr. San Francisco Leather 1999, Werner Tillinger, heads the list as Chief Judge. At the dais with him on judgment night him on judgment night will be Int'l. Ms. Leather Pam Meyer; SF Leather Daddy André English; Phoenix Uniform Club member and past first officer Den-

nis Silva; PO Plus owner and for mer Mr. DC Eagle Paul Moffett; and AEF President Peter Fiske. ICF Man of the Year Andy Rose and SF Leather Daddy's Boy

Lance Brittain will be the judges' assistants. Finally, Tim Wong and Int'l. Mr. Leather 79 David Kloss will serve as tally masters.

The theme of this year's production is "it's Reigning Men—
the Sequel." Show producer Jason
Ladd has cooked up some juicy
scenarios for the event, I won't reveal what's in store, but I'll bet Werner Tillinger will never forget his final walk as he makes his way to the stage for his farewell ad-

At least four of the Int'l. Mr.
Leather 2000 judges will be in attendance, and leather title holders
who will be competing in Chicago
next May are planning to attend
as well. It will be another sell

torcycle Awards voters who for the third year in a row, voted the Mr. SF Leather Con-

the Mr. SF Leather Contest the best!
And the contestants?
Well, it is expected that six men will vie for the title, including Mr.
GDI Leather, Mr.
Daddy's Leather, Mr.
Edge Leather and Mr.
Powerhouse Leather and Mr. Marin Leather. In addition, (but not available at my

dadline), there may be two or three men sponsored by leather oriented businesses. All of this is

good, but it's also disheartening that certain bars that "claim" to be leather bars do not field their own contestants.

Tickets for the contest are on sale now at both Auto Erotica (4077A - 18th St) and at Mister S Leather; they cost \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

Tonight, if you so desire, you can meet all the contestants and the judges at The Meet & Greet at 2000 at the Edge.

Tomorrow night, March 3, you'll have an opportunity to roast Mr. Tillinger at Daddy's at a benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund, with Lenny Broberg emcee'ing and entertainment by Charlie Pacheo.

On Sunday at noon, the contestants will meet the judges for their personal interviews at an undisclosed location. From then on, the suspense will build. Yes, we do have a contest. Yes, we do have a show. Yes, San Francisco's leather community will, as always,

#### Powerful shindig

Last Friday, February 25, Mr. Powerhouse Leather 1999, BJ Cavnor, staged the contest to pick his successor. Only two contestants vied for the honor — Lance Gear and John Caldera — never-

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## EVENTURES IN LEATHER

## Throughout March

Leather Daddy André and Daddy's Boy Lance continue their month long clothing drive with pickup points at Daddy's, the Edge, Powerhouse, and

## Thursday, March 2

Meet and Greet contestants and judges for the Mr. San Francisco Leather 2000 contest at the Edge, 2000, followed by the monthly Big Basket contest. Choosing Mr. June 2001 on the bare chest calendar, 2130 at the Powerhouse; Judging will be Marcus Wonacott, David Polizzi and one other individual. Win \$100 and fame!

## Weekend March 3-5

Selection of Mr. and Ms. Baltimore Eagle at that esteemed establishment in Baltimore.

#### Friday, March 3

Boot mavens, get thee to the Loading Dock for free boot shines and to salivate over other men in boots,

boots, boots!

If your interests go a little higher up the anatomy, check out the Big Nips, Big Pecs at the Powerhouse from 2200 to closing, presented by Chest Men International. \$1 draft Foster's if you're shirt-

less! No cologne.

Seven days to go for Mr. San Francisco Leather Werner! You can roast him at 500 degrees Faren

heit at Daddy's from 1900-2200, emcee'd by Lenny Broberg. Like your meat well done? This is the night!

## Saturday, March 4

Golden Gate Guards \$7 beer/soda bust at the Lone Star, from 1500-1900. Always fun with the Guards at the Lone Star!

## Wednesday, March 8

The Ring presents: "Body Harness Basics," demos and hands-on practice at Club Eros. Doors open 1830-1900. No one admitted after that. For more info, call 415-437-0883 or email: thering@ix.net-

Golden Shower Buddies at 933 Harrison. Doors open from 2000-2300. Call 863-HEAD.

## Friday, March 10

Mr. San Francisco Leather 2000 competition at Club Townsend. Doors open at 1930; show's at 2000. Tix available at Auto Erotica and Mister S.

## Saturday, March 11

At the sparkling new Dixie Belle Contest in Kansas City, MO, Mr. Dixie Belle Leather 2000. In Calgary, 3SM of Calgary presents "Ides of March Fetish/Fantasy Workshop" all weekend.

Call (402) 265-7789 or email:

# **Family values porn**

by John F. Karr

ontinuing our survey of kink-free videos, we have a touching tale of marital fitouching tale of marital fidelity tested and proved. And while Studio 2000's Trust Me ultimately reaffirms the emotional stability of monogamy, it actually serves up a whole lot of promiscuous, good old-fashioned suck 'n' fuck, seasoned with a touch of romance.

romance.

Congratulations go to director John Travis, for a script that is both entertainingly earnest and succinct, and for sex scenes that are uniformly taut, revealingly photographed, and cast with well-matched performers who actually seem to excite each other. The video is also a small cour for Structure. video is also a small coup for Stu-dio 2000, whose output can be spotty. The company loves overly scripted, ineptly performed pot-boilers and mysteries, which all too often also feature sex that isn't more than professional. Although they've featured the striking Jon Eric in several videos, they've per sisted in starring Mark Slade. He' the guy who crossed over from straight films to gay, but was strictly DOA, weighing down sev-eral Studio 2000 videos. Cuffed showed neither the appreciable Tommy Lord nor Ben Damon to advantage, and when the compa-ny got on the Balkan bandwagon and imported a handful of those remarkably beautiful Czech slabs, for their Czech Point video, the

for their Czech Point video, the boys were pretty to look at, but zomboid beyond belief.

In Trust Me, however, they have a superb cast all the way down the line, and a swell new star in Buddy Jones, who first attracted attention with his brief turn as a sadistic customs agent in Visite Piers, Hot Times in Little and the star in Little Piers Piers Hot Times in Little Piers Pi turn as a sadistic customs agent in Krist Bjorn's Hot Times in Little Havana. Jones looks like Jean-Claude van Damme's younger brother, with the action star's chiseled body, dynamite ass, and (presumably) uncut cock. Which, on Jones at least (I have no info on Jean-Claude), is a pop-up beauty that's sheathed in velvet skin, shaved to a whisper, and sitting high and proud atop achingly tight little balls. The intense sexual hunger he displays at first contrasts so deliciously with his subtrasts so deliciously with his sub-sequent dialogue scenes. He goes



Van Damme look-alike Buddy Jones and Chris Steele in Trust Me

from gangbuster to pixie, his sexual ferociousness replaced by dimpled cheek and twinkling eye. In the video's opening scene he comes on strong, lavishing his fierce love on his hubby, the dark and husky hunk Chris Steele, and heating of the comes to result the company of the

and husky hunk Chris Steele, and beating off like a porno Jimmy Cagney, Jones is a jaunty little jockey of a butch gay boy, and I love him.

He's to be away from his lover for the first time in their five-year marriage, and immediately after an absurdly moony leave-taking, doubts his lover's fidelity. He imagines what must be going on in his absence — because, of course, there are goings-on in his absence — and, after an impressive bought of infidelity, guiltily hurries home to console himself on the end of his lover's substantial prong.

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Trust Me is a feast of fabulous cock and hot guys, with a quantity of quality hard-ons on a succession of handsome men (and two youths). Try the video's second scene, a sizzling threeway involving the gardener, pool boy, and meter reader as played by the and meter reader, as played by the massively hung Anthony Cox, the fabulously assed Blake Harper, and the sensational newco Rick Hammersmith, a

blonde muscleboy whose anal

blonde muscleboy whose anal technique upstages the consummate antics of Mr. Harper. All I can say is, Wow. This is historic.

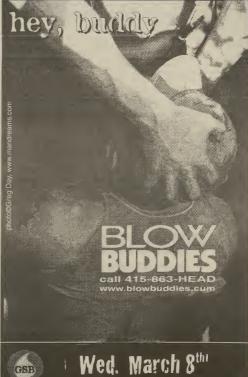
Shortly after, neighboring studmuffin Drew Peters stops by to taunt Steele, who gives in right away, and screws the kid well, while throttling his firm boy cock like a stick shift to heaven. And what of Buddy? Although he hates that his lover "tricks out," he doesn't see the contradiction in his own stopping at a porn theatre, "to get things off my mind." Yeah, whatever.

He tries to resist the advances of salacious Marco Antonio, but of salacious Marco Antonio, but when the young Argentine bombshell whips out a mammoth uncut beauty, Buddy dives right in. And how stirring Marco's cock looks, lying heavily against his stomach as he's slammed into the back of his seat by Buddy's energetic fucking. Then Buddy flees home, for an impassioned reunion with Steele, and a climatic fuck that's a strong ending to a fuck that's a strong ending to a treat of a movie. With skillful di-recting, an ingenuous plot, ingenious photography, and a tasty array of buff men and boys whose cocks are a beauty pageant unto themselves, *Trust Me* delivers the goods. ▼

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## **Mister Marcus**

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theless, emcee Lenny Broberg managed to stretch it with aplomb and lots of laughs. Judges BJ Cawnor, Keith Truitt, David Kloss and Paul Tucci seemed to enjoy the affair, especially when an unsuspecting cutie from Sacramento was hauled onstage to get a rise out of the audience.

when all was said and done, Lance Gear took the title vest and the \$150 cash prize. He will com-pete for San Francisco's highest male leather title

In San Diego, the Mr. San Diego Leather 2000 contest was slightly dampened due to the fact that Ms. San Diego Leather 2000 Dorothy "Doe" Blake had passed over only a few days before. Nevertheless, a fitting tribute was paid to our faller sieter that exprine Five our fallen sister that evening. Five men competed for the title, which was earned by Mark Chipman. Mike Pennington was the first run-ner-up, and Greg Stevens the sec-ond runner-up. Mark will compete



Chris Goad is Mr. May 2001 on the bare chest calendar. He won the spot over six others on Thursday, Feb. 17. Mr. June will be chosen on March 2 at the

at Int'l. Mr. Leather in May. On Friday, February 25, the 10th Pantheon of Leather Awards ceremony took place in New Or-leans. At my deadline, only a par-tial list of the winners was re-

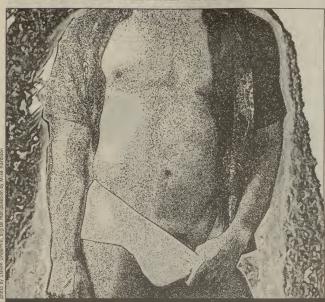
ceived, those being:
Man and Woman of the Year;
Joseph Bean and Viola Johnson.
Reader's Choice, Man: Ryan

Reader's Choice, Woman: Queen Cougar. Western Regional Award: Gary

Virginia. Mid-Western Regional Award:

Mid-Western Regional Award:
Dean Ogren.
Canadian Regional Award:
Dean Ross (former Mid-Atlantic
Leather 1999)
Lifetime Achievement: Wally
Wallace of NY (posthumously);
Forebearer: Pat Califia.
Couple of the Year: Ryan
Goldner and Scott Reikofski.
Peter Fiske and Committee
should be happy to know that the
Leather Leadership Conference 3
held here in San Francisco last
April won the non-profit event of
the Year ward, and the Club of
the Year went to the Black Rose
organization in Washington, D.C.
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### PARTING **GLANCES**

You gave me a tour of Shinjuku, Shibuya, & Asakusa. We spent that night together. Ever since then my heart has been yours. PB \$271500

1/22 2:30pm On 19th Street Me: black cowboy hat w/female friend- You: tan shirt & brown pants-We both looked several times, still in-terested? I am! \$\alpha\$ 71502

Arco Gas Station Sunday Jan 30
At San Leandro Arco station, Davis
St. We were both filling up- you with
a station wagon. Interested? Please
call. 22 71503

Pendulum Superbowl Sunday Forgot my name?...or giving me the opportunity to place an ad. Let's get together. First rounds on me. © 71530

Safeway On Market Jan. 24th
On a Monday around 10am, you: tall,
thin, brown hair, soul patch, wearing
yellow raincoat and rainboats. Our
eyes met, sorry I didn't say hi- would
like to meet you. 22 71504

Carhart Pants Both You And I. 18th Street. Me pizza in hand. We exchanged quick glance then you walked in to burrito place 2/1 lish. 27 71505

I Should Have Got Off At Powell Me Black guy with blue hair, you-salt & pepper hair, caring a camel brief case. You waited at Powell Street for me to get off. Want to meet you. 2 71565

Union Square Tue Jan 25 3:00pm omini square Tue Jan 25 3:00p you: cute, thin, blond with glasses, and great smile, carrying your bag. Me: dark hair, glasses, white shirt, tie, black jacket, smiling back. Followed you to Geary St. Call me! 

71501

Another Fiasco?
Dan, you met Marr Friday, 1/29. You are such a sweet and dear man. We owe it to ourselves to meet, maybe just once more, fiasco or no. Please call. 22 71531

Felix 1/30 Playhouse On Jones You: handsome, nice guy. Me: thin, guy in mirror knees up, I said "ouch, ouch, ouch". You found I don't talk w/ my mouth full. Help me stretch my abilities. 22 71532

Tom At B.V. Park Sunday 2/6
We shared intimacy, as well as heat sat on log, and talked. Would love t share more with you! Alan awaits,...for full body contact and other uplifting experiences. 

↑ 71535

Jumping Java Cafe Sat. 2/12
You: dark hair, cute smile, reading book. Me: blonde, blue shirt. Wanted to chat, but had business meeting.
Would love to get another chance to say hi. № 71566

N. Baker Beach Feb 06
Calvin! (N.O.) An unexpected beautiful day had brought both of us out on our bikes. We chatted briefly, before you went rock climbing. I've got more places to show you... 
271567

Larry Cute Am Arch Prof. CCSF I met you and your friends at J.W. Tasting 27.6. Let's meet for coffee o. dinner. You're a cute guy who has a brain. Don't waste it! Call me. \$2 71590

Zapata Sun. 2/13 9:30 PM You: UC Berkeley sweatshirt. You: UC Berkeley sweatshirt, back pack. Me: brown hair eyes, black jacket, black t-shirt, with 6 friends You smiled at me once-then again. Call me. John. 271591 Doug I Lost Your Number! 2/3 left you at Civic Center station, supposed to call you that afternoon. Cell phone didn't store your number. Call me. I can't wait -Paul 2 71534

Chat Cafe 6pm 2-1 You -Cute, Tall, seated. We smiled, said hi. I waited for a friend-sorry he was o time! Brn-blue, 5'8", dark short, pants, slender. Call! 22 71536

Steamworks Strawberry Blonde Washed each other in showers, dying to fulfill more of your fantasies, call to set up more time to reach'em. 271533

Pendulum Superbowl Sunday Forgot my name?....or giving me the opportunity to place an ad. Let's get together. First rounds on me. 

↑ 71530

## SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Seeking Hispanic/ Blond Blue 18-21yrs. Prefer significant other/ friends HIV-No overweighs/ fems. I'm Hispanic, blk. hr. brn. eyes. olive complexion, 24yrs. 157 lbs. HIV-considered good looking comments made. 271506

Seeking Matured Man W/M wanting a casual relationship with a clean, trim matured man, late 50s to 60s who enjoys receiving oral service. Your place, no reciprocation necessary. 22 71507

Don't Know How It's Done
But want to try. I need mixture of orders. + humiliation coupled with ongoing love relationship. I'm 57, GWM on bottom 5'11". © 71508

GWM 44 5'9" 180 Med Build Smooth body bn/bn wants to meet med or slightly chubby men for safe sensual play. Enjoy footplay A+rel poss. 22 71509

Nellie's!
ISO nellie man, 45-52, approx. 5'8",
150lbs, any color. GWM, neg, masculine, 5'8" 175lbs, fit craftsman. If
you're masculine or straight-acting,
Don't call. 

↑ 71510

GAM Seeks Love Life GAM, 33, 5'11", 135#, seeks in-shape GWM, 33-45. HIV- to fulfill the life destination. Honesty is the best. 27 71511

Bottom Seeks Phone Sex Submissive GWM 5'7" 130lbs begs to worship verbal dominant top, hgt-wet proportional. 22 71512

Friendship & ?
Attractive 39 GWM, 175lb, 5'11", brown, ice blue, attempting to re-join dating scene, seeking sense of humor, sincere, romantic, love cabins, quiet nights, theater, sound interesting? © 71513

Retired PO WM 5-11 180, Like working out, like younger Hispanic males. I never have had intimate sexual relationship in my life. Call me. 271537

Slim Gdlkng Hip Retired Guy Mustache, crewcut, 5'9", 150#, good shape, versatile, Hi-IQ, HIV-. You: short, slim--not stocky, facial hair, 50+. Smoke, small dick ok. Safe only! 22 71540

40 To Older Daddy Oral Fuck Me Seek secured, romantic, oral, love t fuck daddy, by GBM, 40yo, 170lb., 5'10"several touch. 22 71541

30 To 40
Your body has to be clean with a nice muscular shape and big swollen nipples and nice butt. Do not care about the size of your tool. 

↑ 71577

Looking For Chuck Flannery-Jones! I met you in Costa Rica at the Kekol-di Hotel, I want to know if you are still interested in what we had talked about I am! Please contact me! Gabrielle. 12 71568

Eager Late Bloomer Bottom, 5'8", br.bl. 60yo, 175lb, muscular legs, firm butt. Earthly in-tellectual, multilingual, traveled. Re-liable, caring. ISO any race, any age adult who can get it hard and pump. № 71569

Love Is All You Need! Me Too! GWM, 39, 5'9", 150lbs. HIV+, Ital-lan/Celtic, long dr hair, dk gr eyes, scorpio, artist/enginer, 8" Grut, thi-letic, versatile, herbs ok, love pets. ISO to date 25-45-Let's talk. 

71570

Ready To Take A Chance? You're 35-45, GWM, HIV+, lean masculine, versatile, seeking ro-mance. I'm 50, nice body, sensual dad. We like gym, humor, travel, friends, home. We're fit, gl, profes-sional, motivated, politically/ socially aware. @ 71571

Ox Seeks Snake Or Rooster GWM, Libra, 50, (looks 40), 6', 185#, go-l, HIV+, seeks stable, cud-dler into mutual ass play with in shape 30-59 (Fire or Air sign +). 22 71572

Experienced Bottom Sks Asian... 32y.o., blonde, muscular, 165#, 5'10", Pisces/Ram, self-educated, stable. You: grounded, communicative, trustworthy, health-conscious and optimistic. I desire: submission, stressful rope-bondage, humiliation and many forms of (tactile) pain. \$\omega\$ 71573

Good Catch Seeking Partner
Me: BM 50 top, educated, prof, HIV-, You: 50-65 bottom and horny. Let's talk and get familiar. Prefer: beefymen under 6', no beards and sensitive nips. Open to LRT. 22 71574

Romance And Intimacy +
1 m a nice guy, attractive, HIV+,
healthy positive attitude, down to
earth, seeking HIV+ attractive, masculine male, 25-37, top. Emotionally
available, into personal growth, sense
of humor, good heart. 

71539

Romantic, Loving, Sweet Guy GWM Cute, GWM 24yo, 6'1", 160lbs. auburn hair, hazel eyes, looking for a sweet loving guy to love me and hold me. All races Asians A+. 21-40 only LTR. 122 71575

Let's Watch The Sun Set Hopeless romantic, seeking another to watch the sun set, long walks, quiet dinners. Individual must understand what quality time is. Looking for another to share and grow with.

18 To Only
You must be 18 to 19 only for honest friendship. I love safe sex and good talks. Swollen nipples, nice butt, good teeth, HIV-, a plus. 27 71578

Best Buds
Masculine, muscular, Italian topman
is looking for a bud to "hang" with in
the city. Travel, vacations, etc. Don't
care about your age, race, top or bottom. Masculine men only. 271579

Very Hot Looking Latin Bottom Love getting my butthole dick-down & master cock eater, I 'm 39, good looking-seeks WGM- top with super large cock. ☎ 71580

Young Millionaire Sks Partner GWM, 40's, 5'9", 180, br/br muscu-lar, moust, handsome, very happy and horny. Seeks oral bottom, imagina-tive, hot and ready to give all, get all. Have own goals, ambition and dreams. 

71592

Seek Active Yet Gentle Top Handsome Asian male, no previous gay experience, seeks joy of anal sex. Want a clean top, no drugs/communi-cable disease, any race/ age/ size, willing & able to fuck me. 22 71593

Let's Cuddle
GAM looking to couple with a kind,
Intelligent, honest individual. I'm 31,
goodlooking and have many interests
I'm seeking the same.. 

17594

You Will Get The Picture
ISO LTR with Adam Arkin, Bruce
Willis, Garth Brooks, James Gandolfini, Daniel Baldwin type, hairy
chested stocky 37-50. Me 47, 556″,
180lbs, interesting, intelligent compassionate and more. Respond. 

271595

San Mateo Senior GWM recently bereaved HIV negative seeks long-term local j/o buddy. \$\mathbb{Q}\$ 71596

Active Retired White Man
Seeks friend poss. LTR. I'm healthy
into many activities. Age, race, unimportant. Good health and unflappabil
ity are. No drugs pls. Give me a call.
22 71597

Tall And Slender European WM 30's, brn/grn, non-smoker, professional. My interests include travel, hiking, swimming, movles, music, books and much more. I'm a top looking for a partner from late 20's to early 40's. 271598

More Than Just Another Hot Man Goodlooking muscular professional GWM, 40, 5'10'', 190, 46c, 31w, 17arms, seeks buddy into camping, hiking, photography for friendship and possibly more. Not into drugs, booze, or flakes. Serious replies only. 

↑ 71599

### SEEKING ADVENTURE

Wrestling Buddies Fit, good-looking 170lb. GWM seeks well-built G/BiWMs for frisky wrestling with a sensual edge. Trunks & tee, Speedos, and/or nude. Goal is kicks, not damage. Lef's turn fan-tasies into reality! \$2 71514

Downtown Deep Throat GWM 50 great head any age, race. 7" or better lay back and get done. № 71515

Glory Hole Connoisseur
Beautiful cock, delicious huge loads,
5'11", 180, blond/blue, all-american
looking 32 yrs old male digs the glory
hole scene. Facial hair big plus. Be
clean, masculine, a talented cocksucker. № 71516

1 Like To Suck Cock And Get Fucked GWM, HIV-, n/s n/d. I like to suck cock and play with ball's and ass. I like to get fucked, age no factor. Let's watch videos together, call. ☎ 71517

60 Yr Old Horn-Dog In Berkeley ISO same for mutual back door bone feasts hopefully on a routine basis. Only requirement, a working bone. 

71518

Bodybuilder Phone Jo
Bodyworship, muscle sex, role play,
orders, flexing, posing in jockstrap.
Call with your fantasy and get off.
5'9", 195lb, 44ch, 16a. 22 71519

Spank Me Cute little frat boy 22, gym-body, needs over the knee discipline from big brother. 18-35. 22 71520

Hot Latino Nice's Legs Likes To get fucked and likes to suck. Red-wood City area. ☎ 71542

Sub Mis Blk Bot Sks Top Dom/verbal + raunch, kink, sleaze, role playing + no pain or bondage .Avail sm wends & eves. 

71543

Tall Guys With Big Meat Handsome muscular hung big 5'8" Italian likes em tall and hung. Vers tile, very oral and walting for big meat. № 71544

GWM Age 45, 5'11" Bind Blue 160lb.

Santa Rosa Head W/M, 44, 6'/265# gives great head to clean W/M's- no recipro. Daylime best - convenient location for a noon-er. ☎ 71546

Got One? All Races Please Small guy, big ass. Am aching for a beautiful one to eat. Describe to the depth at your fantasy, yours. Safe sane space, fun had only. 22 71547

Hunky Boy Seeks Daddy
Confident, sexy college-boy. 25, 6'3",
180", bl/bl. Train me. Gym, schoolwork cocksucking. Age, looks unimportant, but daddy's fit, self-disciplined, (Tall, millary background
pluses). Disobedience, slacking means
punishment. Success- love and approval. © 71548

Asian Male Seeking For Hot Sex Hung GWM wanted by GAM 34, 155#, 5'8" to tongue my ass, fuck my mouth, and cum on my chest. © 71550

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Dark Cuban Cuban 32, 6' 185#, HIV -, fit, ro-mantic bottom seeking HIV - mascu-line tops 25-45, for several, hot and romantic sex encounters. ☎ 71551

Hairy Little Fuckbuddy
47yo, hairy, bearded, healthy, poz
GWM, 5'8'', 140, muscled, versatile
wants same (hairy, poz, versatile) for
rough sweaty mutual buttfucking.
Leather, b&d, 69ing also. 22 71552

Nice Dick For GAM/GLM 35, GWM, 8", cut, top,5"9", 155# needs GAM/GLM to service me. If you like 3 way GLM, 22, 8", uncut. Can join. S.F., daytlme. 

↑1553

ISO Gay Or Bi Men Straight W/M 50's good shape, HIV-nice body and butt for play and cud-dling etc. Open to all that enjoy giv-ing sensual pleasure. Your place. Penn. to S.F. ans. all. 
71581

Train Me For Your Pleasure HIV- 40yo Italian stud needs dog/slave training. Also into heavy humiliation (sic). Invite your friends? You be HIV- w/boylsh good looks & smooth body. 22 71610

Seek'g SF's Tiniest Asian Cock WM, 5'10", 165lbs., 35, HIV-, bot-tom. Will your cock and balls fit into my mouth? Wanna get rimmed? Wanna fist me? Call! № 71582

Hot Smooth Muscular Bottom into bondage/sm. 31, 150#, very blue eyes, GWM. rope me, tor-ture my tits, then come all over me. 12 71583

Sex Only
All races 18 to 30 for safe clean sex.
HIV- clean hygiene, submissive,
straight, and kissable. 68h, 48,
5'10", 220 muscle, ch.49", swollen
nipples, good natured, HIV-. 

71584

Bottom Sex Pigs Wanted
Well-hung uncut BM needs very experienced mature males for deep safe plowings at your place. Deep throats, aroma, men of color, a plus. Nonraclst only! 271585

Chub & Big Bear Orgy

Afternoon Sex Buddy Needed Like lots of hugging, deep kissing, cuddling, touching. I'm top- like mu-tual oral. Me: attrac., GWM, 46, 6'5", 250lbs, stocky build. You: at-trac, GM (White, Asian, Latin), slim, smooth, moderate body hair. 

□ 71600 smooth, n 71600

Believe It Or Not...
There is a tool worth the trip from SF to Oakland. The owner ain't young or pretty, but has 8" to massage your throat fast and hard. No voicemail, beards or goatees. © 71601

Daddy Top 5'8", 160lbs, nordic top with 8" solid thick manmeat needs trim, tight, small butt bottom to deep throat and deep stroke. HIV+. \$\alpha\$ 71602

Hairy Top Stud
Me: 39, 170#, 5'9", buzzcut, stache,
muscular hairy chest, 8" cut, poz, ag-gressive, passionale total top; you:
GWM, attractive, under 45, slutty
nasty bottomboy, eager to please
horny daddy. 

71603

Hard Dick Phone Sex Storytelling and cock stroking. Hot stories and fantasy. Morning hard-ons shooting curn. Evening erections explode. Don't stroke alone. Call me! ☎ 71605

Naked Raging Hard Cocks
Jack off and show off. Naked studs
stroking stiff tools. Nude exhibitionist
excitement. Nude men jerking erect
throbbing cocks. What is your hot
naked fantasy? 

↑↑1606

Hot Top 4 Asian or Latino
Bend over, I'll drive. 33/5'9", 160#,
muscles, 8", cut. Take It all in your
mouth, up your ass. Daytime encounters for your pleasure. 22 71607

Just Shut Up And Ride
WM 35, 5'10, 200lbs. blond/blue
muscle hunk (47"ch, 33"w/8"arms)
wants looking masculine men to
pump me or get pumped. Also love to
get massaged and jerked off anytime.

271608

Fisting Bottom Wanted
Love to suck my dick too, and the
world is yours guy. Also into w/s,
bondage, etc, have playroom. 
71611

I Am Looking For White Gay Men To take care of my horny dick. Please To take care of my horny dick. Plear call my box number to arrange appointment from 8am to 4pm, everyday. 

↑ 71612

Wanna Get Fisted? Me: HIV+ 47, 5'8", 140lbs gry/brn top- You: hungry butt. ☎ 71604

Submissive Slave Avail 4 Training I am 38, 5'8", 130lbs., short dark I am 38, 5'8", 130lbs., short dark brown hair, grey eyes, smooth, clean shaven, slim build. I am into most scenes and would like to be trained as a slave. I enjoy aggressive men and service them in and out of bed. \$\overline{2}\$ 71613

#### LESBIAN

Seeking Lesbian Couple
Professional gay couple (one American, one European), seeking lesbian
couple (one American, one Foreigner)
to share problems. © 71521

#### **FETISHES**

Young Slave For Dog Training
Very cute 26y.o. submissive boy from
Eastern Europe wants to be fully
trained as doggy by experienced demanding dog trainer under 36, Full
satisfaction guaranteed. 

71522

Thirsty Piss Pig Insatiable appetite for piss & butt. GWM 37, 5'8", 130 gym toned with a mouth that can't get enough. Look-ing for GWM in good shape into sat-isfying my appetite. ☎ 71523

Cigar Smokin Dirty Talkin Top GWM 5'10", 40's, hairy 32 waist, dark hair into nasty role playing-cop, with in-shape bottoms- uniforms sults A+. 22 71524

Velvet Lined Deep Throat GWM-37-buzz cut-handsome HIV-available daytime and weekends for your pleasure. ISO-very masculine, HIV- (35-55)-top- too good to be true! **2** 71525

Bottom Feeder For Ass Worship Enjoy having your asshole and cock licked and sucked your way with all the accompanying raunch you want by an obedient worshipful bottom feeder. 22 71526

Butt Play Intern Needs Patient For practice addiction to tongue, fi gers and toys ++. Must be able to follow directions. G.L. mature guy. 5'11" 175. 22 71527

FeetSheerSocksAnyOneOutThere Attractive Latino 33, 5'11", 190, dark features, size 12 shoe, Virgo, n/s, n/d, would like to meet Latins, Whites or Asians into same fetish, under 38, n/s, no games. 22 71554

Penis Confinement Erotic chastity, yoga. Unable to respond to your ad in December. I'm still Interested. 271555

Big Pecs Fetish GWM, 5'10", 165lbs., in shape, swimmers build, great butt bottom, looking for muscular top with a big muscular chest. 22 71556

Sewerdog Into Extreme Raunch Bi WMA, 48, 5'11", 240, brn stache/buzzcut. Redneck, greased-down, crud dirty machine, digs big maduros, redman spit, and other dudes into heavy raunch. "I'm real ver-satile. No limits. @ 71557

Two Nipple Pigs Look For 1 0r More nipple pig. One top Cuban bisexual male 48yb 5'8" 1.60 pounds 1/2". Muscular German bottom gay male 45ylo 5'9" 1.80lbs. Both with big nipples and into heavy tit work. 

☑ 71559

Ball Shaving Muscular, WM will shave and mas-sage other masculine WM buddy's

SeeksseriousNippleWorkOutBuddy
45yr.ol 200lb. stocky nipple
plg..bm/bm, s&p goatee, tats &
piercings- looking for serious muscular masculine nipple stud for heavy
workous with growth in midd...
Plase call!!! Serious+++ 

71360

Thirsty Toilet Dad
50yo discreet HIV- dad seeks kick
back HIV- healthy top, to service yo
sweaty hard or soft dick, pits, feet,
tall skinny a plus. Will consider all
raunchy tops. 22 71561

FFT Wants FFB FFT Wants FFB
GWM 56, HIV- with nice big hands.
Desires GWM 30+HIV- with hot hole
for fun and exploration. 22 71587

Pounded Below The Belt
Seek hot young men who get off on
abuse below the belt, mild to slugfest.
Me: 39, very muscular, defined. You:
built, hot, tough. Big cock/balls A. 
71588

"Disabled Dad"
GWM 47y.o. 5'10", 195lbs. (using crutches) ISO younger "son" for romance & possible LTR. S 71615

Young Slave For Dog Training Very cute 26y.o. White submissive boy from Europe wants to be fully trained as doggy by experienced de-manding dog trainer under 36. Seri-ous please. Full satisfaction guaran-teed. 

71618

## COUPLES

3 Way Relationship Wanted Hot, sexy, GWM wants to Join couple for 3 way LTR. Prof. by day, Ithr by night. This boy is 5'6", 130, furry, gym toned. Your are VGL probably 35-45 and hot. Rest is negotiable. 22 71562

Fantastic 3-Ways Two GWM 38 And 40yrs., goodlooking seeks similar other couples. 2 71563

#### **OTHERS**

Birdwatching
Gay man into bird watching invites others to form a group for field trips. Please call. 

▼ 71619



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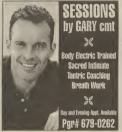


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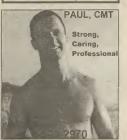








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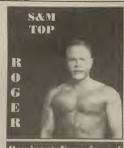
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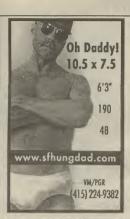
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